

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: City Attorney Ricardo J. Dopico

DATE: June 26, 2024 First Reading

TITLE: AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 2 OF THE MIAMI BEACH CITY CODE, ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION," BY AMENDING ARTICLE III, ENTITLED "AGENCIES, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES," BY AMENDING DIVISION 2, ENTITLED "DISABILITY ACCESS COMMITTEE" BY AMENDING SECTION 2-31 THEREOF TO REDUCE QUORUM AND VOTING REQUIREMENTS FROM EIGHT TO FIVE MEMBERS; AND, PROVIDING FOR REPEALER, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ANALYSIS

The attached Ordinance was prepared at the request of Commissioner Alex Fernandez for consideration at the May 15, 2024 City Commission meeting.

The City's Disability Access Committee (the "Committee") was first established in 1997, to review, formulate and coordinate information, suggestions, proposals and plans and to address complaints from the general public to provide more conveniently accessible facilities, public buildings, streets, sidewalks and programs for the persons with disabilities in the City.

The Committee's current quorum and voting requirement of eight (8) members has presented logistical challenges for Committee's decision-making process, particularly in instances where members are unable to attend and vote in-person due to disability-related accessibility barriers.

Reducing the quorum and voting requirements to accommodate virtual attendance would provide flexibility for members, particularly those with who may face challenges attending in-person meetings due to mobility issues or other accessibility barriers.

The proposed Ordinance seeks to reduce the quorum and voting requirement to (five) 5 members, which would facilitate more efficient decision-making processes while still ensuring representation from a diverse range of perspectives.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

Applicable Area

Citywide

Is this a "Residents Right to Know" item, pursuant to City Code Section 2-17?

Is this item related to a G.O. Bond Project?

No

No

Was this Agenda Item initially requested by a lobbyist which, as defined in Code Sec. 2-481, includes a principal engaged in lobbying? No

If so, specify the name of lobbyist(s) and principal(s):

Department

City Attorney

Sponsor(s)

Commissioner Alex Fernandez

Co-sponsor(s)