



**COMMISSION MEMORANDUM**

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission  
FROM: Commissioner David Suarez  
DATE: February 26, 2025  
TITLE: REFERRAL TO THE FINANCE AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCY COMMITTEE -  
DISCUSS THE POTENTIAL CREATION OF SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICTS TO  
FUND THE INSTALLATION OF GUARD GATES AND/OR THE IMPLEMENTATION  
OF OTHER SECURITY FEATURES IN VENETIAN ISLANDS.

**RECOMMENDATION**

N/A

**BACKGROUND/HISTORY**

There has been growing concern among residents and community leaders in the Venetian Islands regarding the need for enhanced security measures. Specifically, the installation of guard gates at key access points and the implementation of other security systems are being considered as a means to improve safety and mitigate potential risks in this area. In light of these concerns, a I would like the Committee to explore the feasibility of establishing special taxing districts within this neighborhood to fund such security measures while also addressing the need for a sustainable financial mechanism for ongoing maintenance and improvements.

The Administration and Office of the City Attorney should be prepared to discuss the following at Committee, as applicable:

- Review of existing security concerns in the neighborhood, and determine which security measures, such as guard gates, roving private security or surveillance systems, would be most beneficial.
- Identification of ideal locations for guard gates in the Venetian Islands.
- Presentation of preliminary cost analysis of the proposed security measures, including installation and ongoing maintenance costs and corresponding financial implications for property owners.
- Discussion regarding the legal requirements for creating a special taxing district and the steps necessary to implement such a proposal.

**ANALYSIS**

Please place on the February 26, 2025 agenda a referral to the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee (the "Committee") to discuss the potential creation of special taxing districts to fund the installation of guard gates and/or the implementation of other security features in the Venetian Islands.

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**Does this Ordinance require a Business Impact Estimate?**  
(FOR ORDINANCES ONLY)

If applicable, the Business Impact Estimate (BIE) was published on:  
See BIE at: <https://www.miamibeachfl.gov/city-hall/city-clerk/meeting-notice/>

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

N/A

**CONCLUSION**

N/A

**Applicable Area**

Middle Beach

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

No

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

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): N/A

**Department**

Office of Commissioner David Suarez

**Sponsor(s)**

Commissioner David Suarez

**Co-sponsor(s)**

**Condensed Title**

Ref: FERC - Establishment of Security District in Venetian Islands. (Suarez)

**Previous Action (For City Clerk Use Only)**