

# MIAMI BEACH

## COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM

TO:	Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee Members
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FROM: Rickelle Williams, Interim City Manager

DATE: June 28, 2024

TITLE: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO EXPLORE THE FEASIBILITY OF SUB-CONTRACTING SOME OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT'S PERMITTING FUNCTIONS FOR MAJOR COMMERCIAL PROJECTS TO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S BUILDING DEPARTMENT; AND FURTHER, REFERRING THIS MATTER TO BE FULLY CONSIDERED AND DISCUSSED BY THE FINANCE AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCY COMMITTEE.

### **BACKGROUND/HISTORY**

Currently, the Building Department utilizes external services through agreements with professional firms and temporary staffing agencies to supplement staff and maintain service levels. Additionally, there are professional service agreements with personnel from the City of Doral who also supplement staffing. It should be noted that most major commercial projects use Private Providers for review and inspection.

### **ANALYSIS**

In initial discussions with the County, we discovered that a similar arrangement has been implemented within the Rapid Transit Zones, where the County has full authority over permitting, including Fire and Zoning. This extends beyond major construction to all subsequent necessary permits for future repairs. This assessment should also consider how outsourcing will impact coordination with the City's Fire, Planning & Zoning, and other permitting departments.

The Administration will explore the possibility of outsourcing the permitting for major commercial projects to the County. Further guidance is needed on the specific desired outcome and whether the intention is to outsource the entire permitting process for major commercial projects from application intake to final inspection.

### **FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

TBD

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

The Business Impact Estimate (BIE) was published on . See BIE at:  
<https://www.miamibeachfl.gov/city-hall/city-clerk/meeting-notices/>

### **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

## **CONCLUSION**

Following this initial discussion, the administration will further examine the feasibility with the County and City Attorney.

### **Applicable Area**

Citywide

**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):

### **Department**

Building

### **Sponsor(s)**

Commissioner Alex Fernandez

### **Co-sponsor(s)**