

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Commissioner David Suarez

DATE: May 21, 2025

TITLE: REFERRAL TO THE FINANCE AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCY COMMITTEE AND THE ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION REGARDING THE POTENTIAL CREATION OF A PROGRAM FOR MIAMI BEACH RESIDENTS TO ADOPT DOGS AND CATS FROM MIAMI-DADE SHELTERS, WHERE ADOPTEES CAN BE REIMBURSED OR PROVIDED VOUCHERS FOR CERTAIN VETERINARY BILLS AND FOOD FOR THE FIRST YEAR.

RECOMMENDATION

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

ANALYSIS

Please place on the next available agenda a dual referral to the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee and Animal Welfare Committee to discuss the potential creation of an incentive program that encourages Miami Beach residents to adopt dogs and cats from Miami-Dade shelters. This program would allow adoptees to be reimbursed or receive vouchers for specific veterinary expenses and food costs for the first year.

Specifically, I would like the committees to discuss, with the aid of the City Administration and relevant stakeholders, the following:

- The financial feasibility and funding sources for such a program.
- The types of expenses eligible for reimbursement or vouchers.
- Potential partnerships with local veterinarians and pet stores.
- Methods to ensure accessibility and effectiveness in increasing pet adoptions.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Dependent on type of program implemented.

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-notices/>

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

CONCLUSION

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): N/A

Department

Office of Commissioner David Suarez

Sponsor(s)

Commissioner David Suarez

Co-sponsor(s)

Condensed Title

Ref: FERC/AWC - Creation of Miami Beach Pet Adoption Incentive Program. (Suarez)

Previous Action (For City Clerk Use Only)