

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE AND RESILIENCY COMMITTEE, AT ITS JANUARY 24, 2025 MEETING, TO IMPLEMENT A ONE-YEAR LINCOLN ROAD OUTDOOR CONCESSION FEE ABATEMENT PROGRAM, PROVIDING A 100% REDUCTION FOR THE FIRST THREE (3) MONTHS FOR ANY NEW RESTAURANT AND A 50% REDUCTION FOR THE MONTHS OF AUGUST, SEPTEMBER, AND OCTOBER OF 2025 (DEEMED THE SLOWEST MONTHS OF THE YEAR); AND REQUIRING RESTAURANTS TO APPLY FOR THE ABATEMENT AND SATISFY CRITERIA APPROVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION, SUCH AS DEMONSTRATED FINANCIAL HARDSHIP; AND FURTHER, PROVIDING THAT SUCH REDUCTIONS WILL BE EFFECTIVE DURING THE OCTOBER 2025-MARCH 2026 BILLING PERIOD.

WHEREAS, the outdoor dining concession agreements for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024/25 began on October 1, 2024 with fees for the concessions broken down into two payments: the first payment covering the months of October – March (billed April 1), and the second payment covering the months of April – September (billed October 1); and

WHEREAS, any amendments to the agreements would require City Commission approval to amend the billing cycle and proceed with any fee adjustments for the desired months; and

WHEREAS, the adjustments would be based on the restaurant's outdoor seating square footage multiplied by \$32 per square foot, per year, which the City charges, minus the 50% suggested discount or full abatement, as applicable; and

WHEREAS, there are currently 149 outdoor concessions throughout the City (Attachment A), bringing an estimated revenue of \$2 million per year; and

WHEREAS, the item was presented at the February 26, 2025 City Commission meeting where the City Commission discussed that businesses need financial assistance for the months of August, September, and October; and as the semi-annual invoices will be billed on October 1, 2025, that would be ideal time to offer an abatement when cash flow is at the lowest, with any fiscal impact occurring in FY 2026; and

WHEREAS, after a robust discussion, the City Commission continued the item to the March 19, 2025 City Commission meeting and requested that the Administration provide criteria to be considered for this program similar to those that are utilized for the existing Small Business Grant Program (currently funded for \$100,000), and approved at its next meeting; and

WHEREAS, the criteria proposed to be used by the Administration is set forth in the Commission Memorandum accompanying this Resolution for consideration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, that the Mayor and City Commission hereby, accept the recommendation of the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee, at its January 24, 2025 meeting, to implement a one-year Lincoln Road Outdoor Concession Fee Abatement Program, providing a 100% reduction for the first three months for any new restaurant and a 50% reduction for the months of August, September, and October of 2025 (deemed the slowest months of the year); and requiring restaurants to apply for the abatement and satisfy criteria approved by the City

Commission, such as demonstrated financial hardship; and further, providing that such reductions will be effective during the October 2025-March 2026 billing period.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____ 2025.


ATTEST:

Steven Meiner, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(sponsored by Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez)

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney

3/11/2025

Date