

# MIAMI BEACH

## COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Commissioner Alex Fernandez

DATE: April 23, 2025

TITLE: REFERRAL TO THE FINANCE AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCY COMMITTEE - DISCUSS THE POTENTIAL CREATION OF A SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT TO FUND THE INSTALLATION OF GUARD GATES AND/OR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF OTHER SECURITY SERVICES OR FEATURES ON FLAMINGO DRIVE.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Please place on the April 23, 2025 agenda a referral to the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee (the "Committee") to discuss the potential creation of a special taxing district to fund the installation of guard gates and/or the implementation of other security services or features along Flamingo Drive.

There has been growing concern among residents and community leaders in many of the City's single-family neighborhoods 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 light of these concerns, I would like the Committee to explore the feasibility of establishing a special taxing district within the Flamingo Drive neighborhood to fund such security measures while also addressing the need for a sustainable financial mechanism for ongoing maintenance, improvements, and/or services.

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 along Flamingo Drive.
- 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 to create a special taxing district for these purposes.

### **BACKGROUND/HISTORY**

### **ANALYSIS**

### **FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**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**

**CONCLUSION**

**Applicable Area**

Citywide

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

Yes

**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**

Office of Commissioner Alex Fernandez

**Sponsor(s)**

Commissioner Alex Fernandez

**Co-sponsor(s)**

Commissioner Laura Dominguez  
Commissioner David Suarez

**Condensed Title**

Ref: FERC - Flamingo Drive Security Special Taxing District. (Fernandez/Dominguez/Suarez)

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

