



**COMMISSION MEMORANDUM**

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez

DATE: March 19, 2025

TITLE: REFERRAL TO THE FINANCE AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCY COMMITTEE – DISCUSS A PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE A DISCOUNT ON BUILDING PERMIT FEES FOR RENOVATIONS UP TO \$100,000 FOR HOMEOWNERS AGED 65 AND OLDER, WITH AN ASSESSED PROPERTY VALUE OF \$750,000 OR LESS.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**BACKGROUND/HISTORY**

Please place on the March 19, 2025 agenda a referral to the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee (the “Committee”) to discuss a proposal to provide a discount on building permit fees for renovations up to \$100,000 for homeowners aged 65 and older, with an assessed property value of \$750,000 or less.

This proposal seeks to support senior homeowners by reducing the financial burden of home renovations, making it easier for them to maintain and improve their properties. The discount would apply to renovations up to \$100,000, allowing older residents to make necessary upgrades or modifications to their homes, whether for safety, accessibility, or personal preferences.

I believe this initiative would benefit many of our senior residents, promote long-term homeownership, and help maintain the integrity and safety of properties across the City.

The Administration should be prepared to make recommendations as to how the discount could be structured, any potential fiscal impacts, and the broader implications for our permitting process.

**ANALYSIS**

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

NA

**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 Kristen Rosen Gonzalez

### **Sponsor(s)**

Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez

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

### **Condensed Title**

Ref: FERC - Discount Building Permit Fees for Renovations, Age 65 and Older Homeowners.  
(KRG)

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