



**COMMISSION MEMORANDUM**

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Commissioner Alex Fernandez

DATE: November 20, 2024

TITLE: REFERRAL TO THE FINANCE AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCY COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS EARMARKING FUNDS COLLECTED BY THE CITY FROM SPEED DETECTION SYSTEMS IN SCHOOL ZONES, PURSUANT TO FLA. STAT. 316.1896, FOR THE USE OF PUBLIC/PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLIST SAFETY INITIATIVES.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Please place on the November 20, 2024 City Commission agenda a referral to the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee (FERC) to discuss potentially earmarking funds collected by the City from Speed Detection Systems in School Zones, pursuant to Fla. Stat. 316.1896, for the use of public/pedestrian/bicyclist safety initiatives.

In 2023, the Florida legislature adopted Fla. Stat. § 316.1896 which authorizes municipalities to install Speed Detection Systems in School Zones (SDS Systems) to enforce school zone speed limits through the utilization of speed detection cameras. Then, after the completion of Phase 1 of a school speed zone study, the Mayor and City Commission adopted Ordinance No. 2024-4613, on April 8, 2024, which authorizes the placement, installation, and operation of SDS Systems in designated School Zones within the City and creates procedures for the issuance of notice of violations for school zone speeding infractions.

To that end, as set forth in Fla. Stat. § 316.1896, an individual issued a notice of violation for exceeding the speed limit on a roadway maintained as school zone receives a \$100 fine. Once collected, \$60 of the \$100 fine is retained by the municipality (City), which funds (\$60) must be utilized by the municipality to administer speed detection systems in school zones and for other public safety initiatives.

Accordingly, I would request that the City Administration be prepared at Committee to discuss potentially earmarking a portion of the funds collected by the City from SDS Systems for the use of public/pedestrian/bicyclist safety initiatives.

**BACKGROUND/HISTORY**

**ANALYSIS**

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

n/a

**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?**

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)**

**Condensed Title**

Ref: FERC - Earmark School Zone Speeding Fines for Public/Peds/Bicyclist Safety Initiatives.  
(Fernandez)