

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Commissioner David Suarez

DATE: June 25, 2025

TITLE: DISCUSS/TAKE ACTION: RECENT UPTICK IN CAR THEFTS FROM CERTAIN AREAS LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH.

RECOMMENDATION

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

ANALYSIS

I would like to have a discussion with my colleagues regarding the recent and concerning uptick in car thefts from certain areas located within the City of Miami Beach. This trend has raised significant safety and quality-of-life concerns among residents, and I believe it warrants urgent review and action by the City Commission and Administration.

The Administration should be prepared to provide an overview of any recent data collected by the Miami Beach Police Department (MBPD) regarding reported auto thefts in the area, including comparisons to prior months or years, if available. Additionally, I would like to hear about any patterns or intelligence the Department may have identified—such as time of day, vehicle types, or methods of entry—and any coordinated efforts currently underway with other jurisdictions or law enforcement agencies.

The primary goals of this discussion are (1) to better understand the scope of the problem, (2) evaluate existing police response strategies and neighborhood patrol, and (3) determine whether additional resources or policy changes are needed to support enforcement and deterrence efforts.

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?

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):

Department

Office of Commissioner David Suarez

Sponsor(s)

Commissioner David Suarez

Co-sponsor(s)

Condensed Title

Discuss/Action, Recent Uptick in Car Thefts within the City. (Suarez)

Previous Action (For City Clerk Use Only)

Not reached on 5/21/2025 - R9 AA