

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Rickelle Williams, Interim City Manager

DATE: July 24, 2024

TITLE: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPAND THE CAREGIVER PARKING PERMIT PROGRAM.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Administration ("Administration") recommends that the Mayor and City Commission ("City Commission") adopt the Resolution.

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

The City of Miami Beach ("City") Parking Department currently administers a Caregiver Parking Permit Program (the "Permit" or "Program"). The Program is available to senior residents who live in senior housing facilities or within restricted residential parking permit zones and grants parking privileges to the senior residents' authorized caregivers. As of July 2024, 19 participants are currently registered in the Program.

In order to participate in the current Program, a resident must be 62 years of age or older and/or a Medicare/Medicaid participant, show proof of Miami Beach residency, provide a signed affidavit from their physician stating the need for caregiver services, and provide a copy of the caregiver's vehicle registration. Attachment A includes the current Caregiver Medical Affidavit form. The cost to purchase a Permit is \$25.00. Permits are valid for six (6) months from the date of issuance and can be renewed indefinitely.

On January 16, 2019, the City Commission adopted Resolution No. 2019-30669 expanding the Program to be honored at certain municipal parking lots and parking garages near senior housing facilities. However, the current Program limits eligibility to only those senior residents who live in restricted residential parking permit zones or senior housing facilities. In addition, the current Program limits the locations where caregivers are authorized to park (the lots and garages depicted in Attachment B) which may not necessarily be in close proximity to where the senior resident lives.

Given the limitations with the current Program, Commissioner Alex Fernandez has requested that the Administration consider expanding the Program to allow senior residents who do not currently reside within a restricted residential parking permit zone or in a senior housing facility to benefit from this Program by allowing their authorized caregivers to park at any on-street or off-street parking space citywide while conducting caregiver services.

ANALYSIS

The proposed expansion of the Program would benefit both senior residents and their caregivers by offering additional and more convenient parking options. Firstly, the expansion would allow any senior Miami Beach resident, regardless of where they live, to avail themselves of the Program. Furthermore, the proposed expansion of the Program would grant caregivers the authority to park in any on-street metered parking space or parking lot, potentially closer to the senior resident's home, particularly if the resident does not live within a restricted residential parking permit zone or in a senior housing facility.

Based on recent discussions with Commissioner Alex Fernandez, as part of the proposed expansion of the Program, authorized caregivers would be offered the discounted parking rate for residents (currently \$1.00 per hour and subject to Consumer Price Index increases), in lieu of regular non-resident rates, to park at any on-street or off-street location in the City, unless otherwise posted.

Furthermore, it is important to note that the proposed expansion of the Program would maintain the existing terms of the current Program. However, a new requirement would include a signed letter from the caregiver's employer/agency to be provided by the senior resident upon registration.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Given the City's current population demographic, if approximately one-fourth of all potentially eligible senior residents participate in the Program, it would equate to approximately 4,000 participants and an annual revenue to the City of approximately \$200,000 in Permit fees in addition to parking revenues. However, it is difficult to ascertain the net fiscal impact that the proposed Program expansion would have on the City's parking revenues given caregivers would pay the resident discount rate rather than the non-resident rates for on-street parking spaces and parking lots, as well as the impact that the proposed Program expansion would have on parking demand at this time.

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

N/A

CONCLUSION

The current Caregiver Parking Permit Program has certain restrictions limiting the eligibility of senior residents and the parking options for their caregivers. The proposed expansion of the Program would benefit both senior residents and their caregivers by offering additional and more convenient parking options. The expansion would allow any senior Miami Beach resident, regardless of where they live, to avail themselves of the Program. Furthermore, the proposed expansion of the Program would grant caregivers the authorization to park in any metered parking space or parking lot (at the prevailing resident discount rate) potentially in closer proximity to the senior resident's home, particularly if the resident does not live within a restricted residential parking permit zone or in a senior housing facility.

The Administration recommends that the City Commission adopt the Resolution.

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): N/A

Department

Parking

Sponsor(s)

Commissioner Alex Fernandez

Co-sponsor(s)

Commissioner Laura Dominguez

Condensed Title

Expand Caregiver Parking Program. (Fernandez/Dominguez) PK