

# MIAMI BEACH

## COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: City Attorney Ricardo J. Dopico

DATE: February 3, 2025 11:35 a.m. First Reading Public Hearing

TITLE: AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 62 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, ENTITLED, "HUMAN RELATIONS," BY AMENDING ARTICLE II, ENTITLED "DISCRIMINATION," BY AMENDING SECTION 62-35 THEREOF, ENTITLED "MEMBERSHIP," TO AMEND THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEMBER TERM LIMITS; AND PROVIDING FOR REPEALER, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

### **BACKGROUND/HISTORY**

### **ANALYSIS**

The attached Ordinance was prepared at the request of Commissioner Alex J. Fernandez.

On January 3, 2010, the Mayor and City Commission of the City of Miami Beach adopted Ordinance No. 2010-3669, which, among other amendments to the Miami Beach Human Rights Ordinance, established the City of Miami Beach Human Rights Committee (the "Committee").

The Committee's term limits are governed by Section 2-22(5) of the City Code, generally providing that direct appointees designated by individual members of the City Commission shall serve for no more than eight consecutive years, while at-large appointees shall serve for no more than six years.

Recognizing the importance of retaining experienced and knowledgeable members, the sponsor of this Ordinance find that it is in the best interests of the City and the Committee to amend Section 62-35 to extend these term limits, ensuring greater continuity and stability within the Committee.

The proposed amendments set forth in this Ordinance allow for exceptions to the term limits in recognition of exceptional service, allowing the City Commission to re-appoint termed out Committee members for an additional two-year term if it is determined that that the member has made significant contributions beneficial to the City.

### **FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**Does this Ordinance require a Business Impact Estimate?** Yes

(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**

City Attorney

**Sponsor(s)**

Commissioner Alex Fernandez

**Co-sponsor(s)**

Commissioner Tanya K. Bhatt

**Condensed Title**

11:35 a.m. 1st Rdg PH, Amend Human Rights Committee Member Term Limits.  
(Fernandez/Bhatt) CA

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