



**COMMISSION MEMORANDUM**

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Commissioner Alex Fernandez

DATE: February 26, 2025

TITLE: REFERRAL TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS A POTENTIAL PARKING PROGRAM WITH DISCOUNTED PARKING RATES FOR EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND EDUCATION-RELATED ORGANIZATIONS.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**BACKGROUND/HISTORY**

Educational institutions and education-related organizations within the City of Miami Beach ("City") continue to expand both in size and influence. Concerns from the staff and employees of various educational institutions in the City regarding insufficient parking availability in close proximity to schools and other educational institutions have become more pronounced, particularly when these organizations are located within or adjacent to restricted residential permit parking zones or areas in the City where municipal parking is limited and/or in high demand.

To help address these concerns, Commissioner Alex Fernandez is sponsoring a referral to the PSNQLC to discuss a potential parking program with discounted parking rates for educational institutions and education-related organizations.

**ANALYSIS**

The implementation of a new parking program would aim to provide parking options at a discounted rate for employees of educational institutions and education-related organizations located within the City. Such program could potentially include offering a monthly permit which would allow employees of educational institutions to use public parking spaces at designated on-street or off-street municipal parking facilities located in close proximity to the educational institutions.

For context, the City currently offers a monthly parking permit program to residents for \$74.90 per month and to non-residents for \$91 per month which allows permit holders to park at any participating municipal parking garage, surface lot, or on-street parking space. The monthly parking permit program is made available to customers based on an evaluation of parking capacity, utilization, and availability in the selected facility; thus, the Parking Department does not offer monthly parking permits at all parking facilities. Moreover, parking is on a first-come/first-served basis and not guaranteed for current monthly permit holders. It is important to note that several parking facilities in the City currently have extensive resident wait lists due to high demand and limited capacity at the particular facility.

**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)**

Commissioner Tanya K. Bhatt

**Condensed Title**

Ref: PSNQLC - Parking Program w/ Discounted Rates for Educational Institutions.  
(Fernandez/Bhatt)

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