

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission
FROM: Commissioner Tanya K. Bhatt
DATE: February 21, 2024

SUBJECT: REFERRAL TO THE LAND USE AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS
POTENTIALLY REQUIRING COMMERCIAL CHARTER VESSEL OPERATORS TO PROVIDE
SANITATION/PUMP-OUT LOGS EVIDENCING COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE SANITATION
LAWS.

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

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 name of lobbyist(s) and principal(s): N/A

ANALYSIS

Please place on the February 21, 2024 agenda a referral to the Land Use and Sustainability Committee to discuss the potential implementation of a requirement that, as part of the annual BTR process, all commercial charter vessel operators be required to provide their logbooks and/or other records evidencing proper sanitation pump-out service (or other U.S.C.G.-approved methods/devices) utilization between individual trips/charters of the vessel at both private and public marinas. I would also like to discuss the option of requiring houseboats to meet the same requirements. The ability for spot-checks of both vessels and logs should also be discussed at this time.

I request that appropriate staff from the Marine Patrol and Environment and Sustainability Department be on hand and prepared to discuss the range of appropriate tools for boats to use, if pump-outs aren't the only practice, and feasibility of these concepts.

SUPPORTING SURVEY DATA

N/A

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

N/A

Is this a "Residents Right to Know" item, pursuant to City Code Section 2-14?

No

Does this item utilize G.O. Bond Funds?

No

Legislative Tracking

Commissioner Tanya K. Bhatt

Sponsor

Co-sponsored by Vice-Mayor Kristen Rosen Gonzalez