



COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: City Attorney Ricardo J. Dopico

DATE: May 21, 2025

TITLE: REFERRAL TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE AND TO THE FINANCE AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCY COMMITTEE TO EXPLORE LEVERAGING TECHNOLOGY IN NEIGHBORHOODS EXPERIENCING HIGH LEVELS OF BURGLARIES AND AUTO THEFTS AND DISCUSS THE BEST STRUCTURE TO IMPLEMENT TECHNOLOGY-CENTERED SECURITY MEASURES IN THOSE NEIGHBORHOODS.

RECOMMENDATION

Please place on the May 21, 2025 City Commission agenda a dual referral to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee ("PSNQLC") and to the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee ("FERC") to explore leveraging technology in neighborhoods experiencing high levels of home invasion, burglaries and auto thefts and discuss the best structure to implement technology-centered security measures in those neighborhoods.

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

ANALYSIS

The City of Miami Beach is continuously seeking innovative and collaborative approaches to enhance public safety and security throughout our diverse neighborhoods. Enhancing security infrastructure, including the installation of License Plate Readers ("LPRs") and additional cameras in neighborhoods experiencing high levels of property crimes enables critical integration, monitoring, and enhanced law enforcement response.

The Venetian Islands neighborhood has successfully implemented a model where the neighborhood has funded the installation and ongoing maintenance of security infrastructure to enhance public safety within their community. The implementation of such a model in other impacted neighborhoods has the potential to generate cost savings for the City by mitigating the necessity for additional law enforcement personnel. Any such cost savings could be allocated towards the deployment of additional LPRs and surveillance cameras to be deployed in impacted neighborhoods throughout the City. Furthermore, the engagement of a civilian specialist/expert to support the installation/monitoring of these LPRs and cameras, integrated with the City's comprehensive Real-Time Intelligence Center ("RTIC"), may prove advantageous.

As part of this referral, we would request that the City Administration, including the Police Department, be prepared at Committee to discuss the potential installation of additional LPR's and cameras in neighborhoods experiencing high levels of home invasion, burglaries, and auto thefts, in conjunction with the potential connection to the City's Real-Time Intelligence Center, along with any concerns and costs associated with such. Moreover, we request that the City Administration be prepared to address the best structure for interested neighborhoods to fund the

aforementioned enhanced security infrastructure measures, including through the possible creation of special taxing districts, a subject already being discussed at the FERC.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Administration is requested to be prepared to address the fiscal impact of this proposed measure, if any, at Committee.

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

City Attorney

Sponsor(s)

Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez

Co-sponsor(s)

Commissioner Tanya K. Bhatt

Condensed Title

Ref: PSNQLC/FERC - Explore Leveraging Technology in High-Priority Neighborhoods.
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Previous Action (For City Clerk Use Only)