

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Eric Carpenter, City Manager

DATE: April 23, 2025 9:45 a.m. Second Reading Public Hearing

TITLE: HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD FEE WAIVER FOR SINGLE FAMILY HOME APPLICATIONS
AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, SUBPART B, ENTITLED "MIAMI BEACH RESILIENCY CODE," BY AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION AND REVIEW PROCEDURES," ARTICLE II, ENTITLED "GENERAL DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION AND HEARING PROCEDURES," SECTION 2.2.3, ENTITLED "DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION SUBMISSION AND REVIEW," BY AMENDING SECTION 2.2.3.5, ENTITLED "FEES FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS," TO PROVIDE A FEE WAIVER FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS APPLICATIONS IN SINGLE FAMILY ZONING DISTRICTS; AND PROVIDING FOR REPEALER, CODIFICATION, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

On October 30, 2024, at the request of Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez, the City Commission referred a discussion item (C4 E), pertaining to the waiver of Historic Preservation Board (HPB) application fees for single family homes to the Land Use and Sustainability Committee (LUSC). On November 25, 2024, the LUSC discussed the proposal and recommended that the City Commission refer an ordinance amendment to the Planning Board in accordance with the recommendation in the LUSC memorandum.

On February 3, 2025, at the request of Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez, the City Commission referred the attached ordinance to the Planning Board (C4 Q).

ANALYSIS

The attached draft ordinance amends the Land Development Regulations of the City Code (LDRs) to waive HPB application fees for single-family homes within local historic districts or individually designated historic sites. The fiscal impact of the proposal is expected to be nominal, as there have been less than five applications requiring HPB approval in the last 2 years.

Further, applicants would still be responsible for paying the fees associated for the required public notice, including mail notice, site posting, and published notice. As the number of applications to the HPB involving single family homes has been limited, the Administration is supportive of the proposed ordinance.

PLANNING BOARD REVIEW

On March 4, 2025, the Planning Board held a public hearing and transmitted the proposed ordinance to the City Commission with a favorable recommendation (7-0).

UPDATE

The subject ordinance was approved at First Reading on March 19, 2025, with no changes.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The fiscal impact of the proposal is expected to be nominal, as there have been less than five applications requiring HPB approval in the last 2 years. Further, applicants would still be responsible for paying the fees associated with the required public notice, including mail notice, site posting, and published notice.

Does this Ordinance require a Business Impact Estimate? Yes
(FOR ORDINANCES ONLY)

If applicable, the Business Impact Estimate (BIE) was published on: 3/24/2025
See BIE at: <https://www.miamibeachfl.gov/city-hall/city-clerk/meeting-notice/>

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Not Applicable

CONCLUSION

The Administration recommends that the City Commission adopt the ordinance.

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

Planning

Sponsor(s)

Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez

Co-sponsor(s)

Condensed Title

9:45 a.m. 2nd Rdg, HPB Fee Waiver for Single Family Home Applications. (KRG) PL 5/7

Previous Action (For City Clerk Use Only)

First Reading Public Hearing on 3/19/2025 - R5 E