

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO:	Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission
FROM:	Rickelle Williams, Interim City Manager
DATE:	July 24, 2024
TITLE:	A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ADOPTING AND IMPLEMENTING THE CITY'S "LEAVE NO TRACE" POLICY FOR MONUMENT ISLAND, CITY PARKS AND OTHER CITY-OWNED LANDS AND FACILITIES; DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO TAKE ANY AND ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION; AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE POLICY AS NEEDED.

RECOMMENDATION

The Administration recommends the Mayor and Commission adopt the Resolution.

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

During the June 26, 2024, City Commission meeting, Resolution No. 2024-33136 (Exhibit B), sponsored by Commissioner David Suarez, was passed directing City Administration (1) to develop a "Leave No Trace" policy for the Monument Island, City parks and other City-owned lands and facilities and (2) to present the policy to the City Commission for approval at its July 24, 2024 meeting.

ANALYSIS

The Administration has developed a "Leave No Trace" policy (Exhibit C) as a result of Resolution No. 2024-33136. As referenced in the resolution, the City of Miami Beach recognizes the importance of preserving the natural beauty and environmental integrity of its islands, lands, and facilities and is committed to promoting responsible and sustainable use of these natural resources. The City owns, operates, manages, and strives to preserve the positive environmental qualities of numerous City parks and recreation facilities, which are essential to the public health, safety, welfare, and economy of the City and the surrounding communities.

"Leave No Trace" is a national educational program to inform visitors about reducing the damage caused by outdoor activities, particularly non-motorized recreation. Its principles and practices are based on respecting the natural world and fellow wildland visitors. Implementing a "Leave No Trace" policy for Monument Island, City parks and other City-owned lands and facilities is essential to achieve the goals of preservation and responsible stewardship.

This policy also includes the City's plastic free initiatives, aimed to minimize the use of single-use plastic in the City, as adopted through Ordinance 2017-4068, Ordinance 2018-4205, Ordinance 2019-4295, and Ordinance 2024-4590.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The fiscal impact of printing signage for City parks is estimated at approximately \$20,000 - \$30,000. The Parks and Recreation Department does not have funds in its FY 2024 budget to cover the cost of this project. If the policy is approved, a budget amendment is needed.

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

\$20,000 – \$30,000

CONCLUSION

The proposed resolution provides for the implementation of the City's "Leave No Trace" policy for Monument Island, City parks and other City-owned lands and facilities. Should this resolution be approved, funding would be necessary to provide for signage.

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

Parks and Recreation

Sponsor(s)

Commissioner David Suarez

Co-sponsor(s)

Condensed Title

Implement City's Leave No Trace Policy for Monument Island. (Suarez) PKS