

# MIAMI BEACH

## COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission  
FROM: Commissioner Tanya K. Bhatt  
DATE: April 23, 2025  
TITLE: REFERRAL TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS THE CAPTURE AND EUTHANASIA OF IGUANAS PURSUANT TO THE IGUANA REMEDIATION SERVICES AGREEMENT.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

#### **BACKGROUND/HISTORY**

Please place on the April 23, 2025 City Commission agenda a referral to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee to discuss the capture and euthanasia of iguanas pursuant to the Iguana Remediation Services Agreement.

Due to the widespread damage caused by the invasive iguana population, the City has made iguana removal a priority and has been committed to establishing a robust program to address these concerns.

As a result, in December of 2024, the City awarded RFQ-2023-007-WG to Blue Iguana Pest Control to perform traditional iguana remediation services including trapping, humane euthanasia and disposal.

Regrettably, recent complaints and observations indicate instances of iguanas not being euthanized humanely, alongside other troubling iguana collection efforts. These incidents have raised concerns among residents and visitors and potentially contradict the City's commitment to ethical and responsible wildlife management.

Accordingly, I would request that the City Administration be prepared at Committee to discuss the concerns raised regarding inhumane iguana euthanasia and provide direction on the review and potential revision of current protocols, which could involve designated hours for capturing iguanas, and the implementation of any necessary corrective actions and methods, to ensure humane and ethical practices are consistently followed in the City's iguana remediation efforts.

### **ANALYSIS**

#### **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 Tanya K. Bhatt

**Sponsor(s)**

**Co-sponsor(s)**

**Condensed Title**

Ref: PSNQLC - Iguana Remediation Services Agreement. (Bhatt)

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