

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission
FROM: Interim City Manager Rickelle Williams
DATE: July 24, 2024 10:50 a.m. Second Reading Public Hearing

TITLE: SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION (STI) TESTING REGULATIONS
AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE MIAMI BEACH RESILIENCY CODE, BY AMENDING CHAPTER 1, ENTITLED "GENERAL PROVISIONS," ARTICLE II, ENTITLED "DEFINITIONS," AT SECTION 1.2.2., ENTITLED "USE DEFINITIONS," AT SUBSECTION 1.2.2.9, ENTITLED "SPECIALIZED USES," BY ESTABLISHING A DEFINITION FOR SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION (STI) TESTING SERVICES; AND BY AMENDING CHAPTER 7, ENTITLED "ZONING DISTRICTS AND REGULATIONS," ARTICLE V, ENTITLED "SUPPLEMENTARY DISTRICT REGULATIONS," SECTION 7.5.5, ENTITLED "SPECIALIZED USE REGULATIONS," AT SUBSECTION 7.5.5.1 ENTITLED "ASSISTED LIVING AND MEDICAL USES," BY EXEMPTING SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION (STI) TESTING SERVICES FROM THE REGULATIONS OF THIS DIVISION; AND PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, REPEALER, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

On January 31, 2024, at the request of Commissioner Alex Fernandez, the Mayor and City Commission referred a discussion item (C4 E) pertaining to STI testing site exceptions to the Land Use and Sustainability Committee (LUSC) and the Planning Board. On February 26, 2024, the LUSC recommended that the Planning Board transmit the ordinance to the City Commission with a favorable recommendation.

ANALYSIS

According to recent data, Miami-Dade County now ranks No. 4 in the country for total human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) cases by county. By rate of transmission, Miami-Dade County ranks No. 17 nationally, with 1,190 people diagnosed with HIV per 100,000 people. Additionally, the HIV "hot spots" in Miami-Dade County include zip code 33139, which covers all of South Beach. This public health crisis disproportionately impacts the LGBTQ community and people of color.

Medical uses are regulated pursuant to Section 7.5.5.1 of the Land Development Regulations (LDRs), entitled Assisted Living and Medical Uses. This section divides medical uses into classes and the classes of medical uses that are allowed in specific zoning districts. Currently STI testing is considered a Class I medical use, as part of a retail clinic or medical office, and a Class II medical use, as part of a laboratory or health care clinic. Class I medical uses are allowed in all zoning categories except RS, TH, RM-1, R-PS1, RMPS-1, and R-PS2 districts. Also, as a Class 1 medical use, STI testing can only be permitted as part of a medical clinic or office.

Subsection 7.5.5.1.c of the LDRs designates uses that are exempt from regulation as a medical use. For STI testing to take place outside the confines of a medical facility, this section is proposed to be amended to exempt STI testing as follows:

c. Exempt uses.

The following medical sub-uses, which, unless otherwise noted, service individuals in their place of residence, shall be exempt from the regulations of this division:

1. Health care services pool.
2. Home health agency.
3. Home medical equipment provider.
4. Homemaker and companion services.
5. Home hospice service.
6. Massage therapist.
7. Portable x-ray provider.
8. Pharmacies.
9. Medical cannabis treatment centers.
10. Sexually transmitted infection (STI) testing services, within a place of residence, as well as within multi-family, commercial and mixed-use districts.

Additionally, a definition for “Sexually transmitted infection (STI) testing service” is proposed to be provided within Section 1.2.2.9 of the LDRs, which establishes definitions for specialized uses, as follows:

Sexually transmitted infection (STI) testing service means a service provided by medical professionals to provide individuals with diagnoses of sexually transmitted infections.

PLANNING BOARD REVIEW

On April 25, 2024, 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 June 26, 2024, with no changes. Additionally, the City Commission waived the applicable fees based on circumstances unique to the proposed amendment.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

Does this Ordinance require a Business Impact Estimate? No
(FOR ORDINANCES ONLY)

The Business Impact Estimate (BIE) was published on 7/5/2024. See BIE at:
<https://www.miamibeachfl.gov/city-hall/city-clerk/meeting-notice/>

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

CONCLUSION

The Administration recommends that the Mayor and 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 Alex Fernandez

Co-sponsor(s)

Commissioner Laura Dominguez
Commissioner Tanya K. Bhatt
Commissioner Joseph Magazine