

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: City Attorney Ricardo J. Dopico

DATE: October 30, 2024 First Reading

TITLE: AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING SUBPART A, OF THE MIAMI BEACH CITY CODE ENTITLED "GENERAL ORDINANCES," BY AMENDING CHAPTER 106, ENTITLED "TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES," BY AMENDING ARTICLE I, ENTITLED "IN GENERAL," BY CREATING SECTION 106-8, TO BE ENTITLED "PERMITTED PARKING BLOCKING A DRIVEWAY OR PARKING SPACE"; AND PROVIDING FOR REPEALER, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

RECOMMENDATION

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

ANALYSIS

Residential parking in the City of Miami Beach is extremely limited.

The City's Parking Department has long maintained an informal policy that allows residents to park blocking access to their own driveways in single family residences.

If enacted the proposed ordinance would potentially increase residential parking availability by codifying this informal policy and extending it to residents of multi-family dwellings of up to four units.

Specifically, the proposed ordinance provides that:

A resident or his or her invited guest(s) may park in such a fashion as to block his or her own:

- (1) Driveway (in a single-family residence); or
- (2) Assigned parking space (in a multi-family dwelling of up to four residences) by parking a vehicle or vehicles one behind the other so long as the building does not prohibit such parking.

In no event shall any vehicle so parked:

- (a) extend into a lane of travel on a public street;
- (b) obstruct any portion of any public sidewalk;
- (c) block the line of sight for any adjacent property owner to safely enter or exit his or her driveway or parking space at his or her own residence;
- (d) obstruct in any manner the use of any fire hydrant, or have or place or cause to be placed any material within fifteen (15) feet from either side thereof; or
- (e) obstruct fire exit discharge.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

Does this Ordinance require a Business Impact Estimate? No

(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-notice/>

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 Tanya K. Bhatt

Co-sponsor(s)

Condensed Title

1st Rdg, Permitted Parking Blocking a Driveway or Parking Space. (Bhatt) CA