

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE, AT ITS APRIL 9, 2025 MEETING, DIRECTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO IMPLEMENT A BLUE LIGHT SAFETY AND EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION SYSTEM ALONG THE BEACHWALK ON A TEMPORARY, PILOT PROGRAM BASIS AND TO PRIORITIZE THIS PROGRAM IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET.

WHEREAS, at the October 30, 2024, City Commission meeting, the Mayor and City Commission approved a referral to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee ("PSNQLC") to discuss the implementation of a blue light safety and emergency communication system along the beachwalk and baywalk; and

WHEREAS, the item was subsequently heard at the December 13, 2024 and April 09, 2025 PSNQLC meetings; and

WHEREAS, at the April 9, 2025 PSNQLC meeting, the Committee unanimously agreed to move the item to the full commission with a favorable recommendation for the Administration to carry out a blue light safety and emergency communication system along the beachwalk, on a temporary pilot program basis; and

WHEREAS, the Miami Beach Police Department has identified a need to implement a blue light safety and emergency communication system along the beachwalk, recognizing that emergency call boxes enable individuals to directly and quickly contact emergency services; and

WHEREAS, these devices assist responders in pinpointing precise locations, provide immediate aid to individuals without access to a cellular phone, and serve as visible crime deterrents while enhancing public safety and fostering a greater sense of security among residents and visitors alike; and

WHEREAS, a citywide site assessment identified 22nd, 36th, 53rd, and 79th Streets as high-priority locations for emergency call box installation based on pedestrian traffic, geographical distribution, and infrastructure feasibility; and

WHEREAS, fiscal projections for implementing emergency call boxes at the identified locations have been developed, providing clear cost estimates for equipment, installation, and optional ongoing support; and

WHEREAS, based on preliminary market research and infrastructure readiness, the estimated total cost to implement emergency call boxes at all four prioritized locations - 22nd, 36th, 53rd, and 79th Streets - is approximately \$131,750.20, excluding optional support services, with individual location costs ranging from \$30,008.00 to \$71,734.20, depending on power and network availability; and

WHEREAS, implementing a tiered emergency communication system along the beachwalk, tailored to each location's infrastructure readiness, will enhance public safety, support efficient emergency response, and align with the City's ongoing commitment to community well-being and environmental responsibility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, accepting the recommendation of the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee, at its April 09, 2025 meeting, directing the City Administration to implement a pilot of a blue light safety and emergency communication system along the beachwalk on a temporary, pilot program basis and to prioritize this program in the fiscal year 2026 budget.

PASSED and ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2025.

ATTEST:

Steven Meiner, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(Sponsored by Commissioner Tanya K. Bhatt; co-sponsored by Commissioner Joseph Magazine)

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney

5/9/2025
Date