

C7 W A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO COLLABORATE WITH THE NEWLY ELECTED MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR, DARIEL FERNANDEZ, TO EXPLORE THE VIABILITY OF ESTABLISHING A FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES (FLHSMV) SERVICE CENTER WITHIN THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH; AND FURTHER, THE ADMINISTRATION IS DIRECTED TO CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY ANALYSIS IN CONSULTATION WITH THE TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, EVALUATING POTENTIAL LOCATIONS, COSTS, OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS, AND PROJECTED BENEFITS OF SUCH A FACILITY.

Applicable Area:

# MIAMI BEACH

## COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: City Attorney Ricardo J. Dopico

DATE: February 3, 2025

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

### **BACKGROUND/HISTORY**

### **ANALYSIS**

The attached Resolution was prepared at the request of the sponsors, Mayor Steven Meiner and Commissioner Alex Fernandez.

### **FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

The sponsor of this item requests that the Administration be prepared to address the fiscal impact of this proposed measure, if any, at the City Commission meeting.

### **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-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)**

Mayor Steven Meiner  
Commissioner Alex Fernandez

**Co-sponsor(s)**

Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez

**Condensed Title**

Explore Establishing a Department of Motor Vehicles Office in Miami Beach.  
(Meiner/Fernandez/Rosen Gonzalez) CA

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - \_\_\_\_\_**

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**WHEREAS**, the City of Miami Beach is committed to enhancing the quality of life for its residents by providing convenient access to essential government services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles ("FLHSMV") is the Florida agency tasked with providing vital services, including driver license issuance, vehicle registration, and title transactions, which are frequently utilized by Miami Beach residents and visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, as of January of 2025, the State of Florida began the process of transitioning FLHSMV service centers to fall under the authority of the Miami-Dade County Tax Collector; and

**WHEREAS**, currently, FLHSMV serves more than 20 million Florida residents and over 100 million visitors to the State each year relating to driver licenses/ID cards and motor vehicle services; however, there is no service center within the City's jurisdictional limits; and

**WHEREAS**, although FLHSMV allows certain tasks to be completed online, individuals often need to go to service centers in person to verify their identity, provide necessary documentation, and complete procedures that require a physical presence; and

**WHEREAS**, unfortunately, FLHSMV service centers are often overcrowded, relatively far away from the City, and not properly staffed, resulting in an inability to schedule timely appointments, poor customer service, and long wait times; and

**WHEREAS**, the creation of a FLHSMV service center within the City of Miami Beach will serve as an invaluable community resource for all residents and visitors, by providing services which include, but are not limited to: replacing or renewing Drivers Licenses or ID cards; replacing or renewing registrations for motor vehicles or vessels; updating automobile insurance information; viewing pending citations; updating emergency contact information; and issuing/renewing disabled parking placards; and

**WHEREAS**, the establishment of an FLHSMV service center within the City of Miami Beach would improve accessibility to these essential services, reduce the need for residents to travel to other municipalities, and potentially enhance overall operational efficiency; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission believes it is in the public interest to direct the City Administration to engage in this collaborative effort to better serve the City's residents and visitors.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA**, hereby directs the City Administration to collaborate with the newly elected Miami-Dade County Tax Collector, Darriel Fernandez, to explore the viability of establishing a Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles ("FLHSMV") service

center within the City of Miami Beach; and further, the Administration is directed to conduct a feasibility analysis in consultation with the Tax Collector's Office including, but not limited to, evaluating potential locations, costs, operational requirements, and projected benefits of such a facility.

**PASSED and ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

**ATTEST:**

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Steven Meiner, Mayor

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Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(Sponsored by Mayor Steven Meiner and Commissioner Alex J. Fernandez)

APPROVED AS TO  
FORM & LANGUAGE  
& FOR EXECUTION

  
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City Attorney

1/27/2025  
Date

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