

C7 X A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO IMPLEMENT APPROPRIATE MEASURES, SUCH AS ENHANCED SIGNAGE AND ROAD MARKINGS, PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS, ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL TO DIRECT TRAFFIC, INCREASED TICKETING AND ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS, AND/OR SIGNAL TIMING ADJUSTMENTS, IN AN EFFORT TO MITIGATE TRAFFIC CONGESTION AND DANGEROUS SITUATIONS IN THE ROADWAYS BY PREVENTING AND ENFORCING "BLOCK THE BOX" VIOLATIONS AT MAJOR INTERSECTIONS IN THE CITY INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THOSE ALONG 71ST STREET AND 41ST STREET.

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 sponsor, Vice Mayor Tanya K. Bhatt.

### **FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

Administration is requested to 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-notices/>

### **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**

Measures to Prevent and Enforce Block the Box Violations. (Bhatt) CA

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

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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**WHEREAS**, Florida Statute 316.2061 prohibits any driver from entering an intersection or a marked crosswalk unless there is sufficient space on the other side of the intersection or crosswalk to accommodate the vehicle the driver is operating without obstructing the passage of other vehicles or pedestrians, notwithstanding any traffic control signal indication to proceed; and

**WHEREAS**, Fla. Stat. 316.2061 "block-the-box" violations occur when vehicles obstruct intersections by entering when there is insufficient space to clear the area, causing gridlock and creating dangerous conditions for drivers, pedestrians, and cyclists; and

**WHEREAS**, by violating Fla. Stat. 316.2061, drivers not only create substantial additional traffic congestion and increase drive times around the City but, in particular, also endanger pedestrians who often must perilously cross busy streets by weaving in between vehicles illegally obstructing pedestrian crosswalks and roadways; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to "block the box" violations substantially contributing to traffic congestion and increasing the risk of various types of accidents, they also hinder emergency vehicle response times; and

**WHEREAS**, the intersections along major corridors, such as 71<sup>st</sup> Street and 41<sup>st</sup> Street, are particularly prone to block-the-box violations due to heavy traffic and frequent delays; and

**WHEREAS**, addressing this issue through proactive measures and enforcement will enhance public safety, improve traffic flow, and reduce congestion; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission recognizes the need to prioritize the mitigation of block-the-box violations as part of its broader commitment to ensuring public safety, along with improving the efficiency of transportation within the City of Miami Beach.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA,** that the Mayor and City Commission of the City of Miami Beach, Florida, hereby direct the City Administration to implement appropriate measures, such as enhanced signage and road markings, public awareness campaigns, additional personnel to direct traffic, increased ticketing and enforcement efforts, and/or signal timing adjustments, in an effort to mitigate traffic congestion and dangerous situations in the roadways by preventing and enforcing "block the box" violations at major intersections in the City including, but not limited to, those along 71<sup>st</sup> Street and 41<sup>st</sup> Street.

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

**ATTEST:**

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Mayor Steven Weiner

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Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(Sponsored by Vice-Mayor Tanya K. Bhatt)

APPROVED AS TO  
FORM & LANGUAGE  
& FOR EXECUTION

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City Attorney

 1/22/2025  
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Date