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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 is presented by the sponsor, Commissioner Laura Dominguez, for the consideration of the Mayor and City Commission.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

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 Laura Dominguez

Co-sponsor(s)

Condensed Title

Designate Drone Regulation as City Legislative Priority (LD) CA

Previous Action (For City Clerk Use Only)

RESOLUTION NO. _____

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WHEREAS, each year, the Mayor and City Commission adopt the City of Miami Beach's state legislative agenda to identify funding and legislative priorities that will be pursued by the City's representatives in Tallahassee, Florida during the upcoming legislative session; and

WHEREAS, it is critical for the City's legislative consultants to receive clear direction regarding the City's priorities each year to enable them to work collaboratively with the City Commission in the pursuit of funding for City projects, to advocate effectively for legislative initiatives that are in the best interests of the City and to educate state agencies on issues that impact the City; and

WHEREAS, the City has recently been inundated by drones buzzing around the City, potentially creating privacy concerns and safety concerns for those who they drones fly near; and

WHEREAS, this new and growing privacy and safety threat in the City was referred by the City Commission to be discussed at the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee, where said discussion was had by the Committee at its November 13, 2024 meeting; and

WHEREAS, current Florida law has proven ineffective at curbing potentially invasive and dangerous drone usage in the City; and

WHEREAS, current Florida law also preempts most potential local legislation that the City could enact to protect the privacy and safety of our residents and visitors by curbing potentially invasive and dangerous drone usage in the City; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the City Commission desire to add to the City's legislative priorities for 2025 (and going forward) to add more effective state drone regulation and to ease the state preemption of local government regulations of drones in the local government's boundaries in order to protect the privacy and safety of our residents and visitors by curbing potentially invasive and dangerous drone usage in the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, that the Mayor and City Commission hereby authorize and direct all City employees and contractors charged with

promoting and advancing the City's legislative priorities to lobby for more effective state drone regulation and to ease the state preemption of local government regulations of drones in the local government's boundaries.

PASSED and **ADOPTED** this _____ day of _____, 2025.

ATTEST:

Steven Meiner, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(Sponsored by Commissioner Laura Dominguez)

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney

1/24/2025
Date

