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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: March 19, 2025

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RECOMMENDATION

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

ANALYSIS

The attached Resolution was prepared at the request of the sponsor, Commissioner Joseph Magazine.

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?

If so, specify the name of lobbyist(s) and principal(s):

Department

City Attorney

Sponsor(s)

Commissioner Joseph Magazine

Co-sponsor(s)

Condensed Title

Admin. to Identify Potential Fiscal Responsibility Measures that Would not Impact Services.
(JM/DS)

Previous Action (For City Clerk Use Only)

RESOLUTION NO. _____

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WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Mayor Daniella Levine Cava has recently directed each department within the County to produce 10 percent (10%) potential budget reduction scenarios, as part of an effort to address budgetary pressures and promote fiscal responsibility; and

WHEREAS, as part of these measures, the County has implemented a temporary pause on various personnel actions, effective immediately, which include a pause on filing vacancies (with due exceptions), a pause on all reclassifications and regrades, suspension of annual merit increases for Assistant Directors and above, a pause on special salary adjustments for non-bargaining employees, and a pause on all non-essential travel requests; and

WHEREAS, Miami Beach, like Miami-Dade County, is facing its own budgetary challenges, including new union contracts and a new constitutional officer of the County exercising his constitutional funding authority, which may result in a \$7 million annual budget impact; and

WHEREAS, Miami Beach's General Fund expenditures have grown at an unsustainable rate, increasing from \$280 million in 2015 to \$456 million in 2025, a 62% growth over a 10-year period, far outpacing the consumer price index, even as the City has experienced a population decline; and

WHEREAS, the City's overall operating budget has grown from \$510.9 million in fiscal year 2015 to \$872.4 million in fiscal year 2025; and

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Beach recognizes that, as a government, our primary ability to generate revenue comes through fees and taxes, much of which is borne by our residents; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Commission acknowledge that as elected officials, their most important responsibility is to ensure the proper stewardship of taxpayer money while providing critical public services to our community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Beach must evaluate its operating expenditures to ensure sustainable growth that does not place undue financial burden on its residents or jeopardize the provision of essential public services.

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 hereby direct the City Manager to work with the Chief Financial Officer and department heads in identifying areas for the possible implementation of fiscal responsibility measures that would allow for a more sustainable financial expenditure trajectory for the City without impacting the critical services provided to our community and to present findings to the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee as part of the discussion related to the City's comprehensive financial policy.

PASSED and ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2025.

ATTEST:

Steven Meiner, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(Sponsored by Commissioner Joseph Magazine)

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney

3/12/2025

Date