

C7 AM A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS, NOTWITHSTANDING ANY DIRECTION IN RESOLUTION NO. 2024-33263 TO THE CONTRARY, FOR THE 5TH WEEK OF MARCH 2025 SPRING BREAK: (1) REPEAL THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HIGH IMPACT PARKING RATE IN CITY-OWNED AND CITY-OPERATED PARKING LOTS AND GARAGES AND REVERT RATES TO THE STANDARD PRICING APPLICABLE OUTSIDE OF HIGH IMPACT PERIODS; AND (2) LIFT THE RESTRICTIONS REGARDING ON-STREET PARKING ALONG OCEAN DRIVE, COLLINS AVENUE, AND WASHINGTON AVENUE, FROM 5TH STREET TO 16TH STREET, THEREBY RESTORING NORMAL PUBLIC ACCESS TO METERED AND PERMITTED PARKING SPACES.

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, Vice-Mayor Tanya K. Bhatt.

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

South Beach

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

Remove Certain Spring Break Restrictions for 5th Week of March. (Bhatt) CA

Previous Action (For City Clerk Use Only)

RESOLUTION NO. _____

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WHEREAS, the City of Miami Beach is an internationally renowned tourist destination that is famous for its beaches, shopping, arts and entertainment, which are among the best in the world; and

WHEREAS, due to its domestic and international popularity as a resort destination, many large-scale events and activities, both authorized by City permits and otherwise, occur on the beaches and on the City's property; and

WHEREAS, the City has seen an increasingly large number of visitors during these large-scale events and activities, and the sizeable number of individuals attending these events/activities has posed numerous challenges for the City, including a surge in the number of vehicles seeking parking spaces; and

WHEREAS, City parking facilities, including both lots and garages, experience heightened demand during Spring Break weekends, leading to congestion and potential safety risks; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 2023-4571 updated the City's existing High Impact Ordinance, granting the City Manager exclusive authority to safeguard the City during periods of significant visitor influx, known as high impact periods, such as Spring Break; and

WHEREAS, on February 21, 2024, the Mayor and City Commission adopted Ordinance No. 2024-4598, amending the City's High Impact Ordinance (as codified in City Code Section 82-443) to allow for an increase in parking rates for the peak weekends of the Spring Break period; and

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2024, the Mayor and City Commission adopted Resolution No. 2024-33263, approving and directing the City Administration to implement a comprehensive strategy for Spring Break 2025, in an effort to proactively stem the threats to public safety the City has experienced due to excessively large crowds and life-threatening violence during Spring Break; and

WHEREAS, the approved comprehensive strategy included, but wasn't limited to, the following actions:

- implement the high impact parking rate in City-owned or City-operated parking lots and garages, with a daily rate of up to \$ 100, with the exception of residents, employees working in the City, and access card holders.

- restrict on-street parking on Ocean Drive, Collins Avenue, and Washington Avenue, from 5th Street to 16th Street;
- the suspension of sidewalk café operations on Ocean Drive, from 5th Street to 15th Street, at 7:00 p.m., from Friday, March 7, 2025 through Sunday, March 9, 2025, and from Friday, March 14, 2025 through Sunday, March 16, 2025, as authorized by the City's outdoor dining concession agreements;
- close all City-owned and City-operated parking lots and garages in the Art Deco Cultural District, including along Washington Avenue and Collins Avenue, between 5th Street and 15th Street, starting each Thursday at 6: 00 p. m. and reopening at 6 a.m. each Monday morning of the second and third weekends of March (and reserving the ability to close any City-owned garages and parking lots, if necessary, any of the five weekends of March 2025); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the City's High Impact Ordinance and Resolution No. 2024-33264, the Administration has implemented high impact parking rates for City-owned and City-operated garages and surface lots, and restricted on-street parking on Ocean Drive, Collins Avenue, and Washington Avenue from 5th Street to 16th Street (along with the implementation of other measures including the suspension of sidewalk café operations and the closure of City-owned and City-operated parking garages which latter two (2) mandates will have sunset prior to the 5th week of March 2025 Spring Break); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Commission seek to ease the restrictions referenced herein and imposed pursuant to Resolution No. 2024-33263, and related directives, for the fifth week of March 2025 Spring Break.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA that the Mayor and the City Commission hereby direct the City Administration to take the following actions, notwithstanding any direction in Resolution No. 2024-33263 to the contrary, for the 5th week of March 2025 Spring Break: (1) repeal the implementation of the High Impact parking rate in City-owned and City-operated parking lots and garages and revert rates to the standard pricing applicable outside of High Impact Periods; and (2) lift the restrictions regarding on-street parking along Ocean Drive, Collins Avenue, and Washington Avenue, from 5th Street to 16th Street, thereby restoring normal public access to metered and permitted parking spaces.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2025.


ATTEST:

Steven Meiner, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(Sponsored by Vice-Mayor Tanya K. Bhatt)

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney

3/18/25

Date