

R10 A CITY ATTORNEY'S STATUS REPORT
Applicable Area:

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission
FROM: City Attorney Ricardo J. Dopico
DATE: April 23, 2025
TITLE: CITY ATTORNEY'S STATUS REPORT

RECOMMENDATION

LAWSUITS FILED BY OR AGAINST THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH SINCE THE LAST REPORT:

1. ADAM BIDAS V. CITY OF MIAMI BEACH AND TREMONT TOWING

Case No. 2025-047140-SP24 (County Court of the 11th Judicial Circuit of Florida in and for Miami-Dade County)

This is a small-claims action against the City of Miami Beach and Tremont Towing. Plaintiff alleges that the City negligently misrepresented the maximum allowable towing rates, that he was towed too quickly, that the towing rate he was charged is allegedly unconstitutionally punitive, and that the City's imposition of different rates for residents versus nonresidents violates the Equal Protection Clause. The Office of the City Attorney will vigorously defend this action.

2. FELISHA WILLIAMS V. MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND CITY OF MIAMI BEACH

Civil Action No. 1:25 cv-21662-MFE (United States District Court Southern District of Florida)

In this complaint, the plaintiff asserts claims under 42 U.S.C Sections 1983 and 1985 and Florida tort law against the City of Miami Beach and Miami-Dade County in connection with a police-related incident on October 19, 2022. The Office of the City Attorney will vigorously defend this action.

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

ANALYSIS

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-notice/>

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

CONCLUSION

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Citywide

Is this a "Residents Right to Know" item, pursuant to City Code Section 2-17?

Yes

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)

Co-sponsor(s)

Condensed Title

City Attorney's Status Report

Previous Action (For City Clerk Use Only)