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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: June 25, 2025

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RECOMMENDATION

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

ANALYSIS

The attached Resolution was prepared at the request of the sponsor, Vice-Mayor David Suarez.

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-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 David Suarez

Co-sponsor(s)

Commissioner Joseph Magazine

Condensed Title

Create Task Force to Enforce Camping and Other Quality of Life Offenses. (Suarez/Magazine)
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Previous Action (For City Clerk Use Only)

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO CREATE AND DEPLOY A SPECIALIZED TASK FORCE SINGULARLY FOCUSED ON ENFORCEMENT OF THE CITY'S CAMPING ORDINANCE AND OTHER QUALITY OF LIFE OFFENSES, DURING THE DAYTIME AND THE NIGHTTIME HOURS, WITH PRIORITY TO BE GIVEN TO THE AREAS OF LINCOLN ROAD, WASHINGTON AVENUE, COLLINS PARK, ALTOS DEL MAR PARK, AND THE BEACHWALK.

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Beach ("City") is committed to maintaining public safety and quality of life for its residents, visitors, and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the unauthorized and illegal use of public spaces for camping and the proliferation of quality-of-life offenses such as open container/drinking in public, drug-related activity, assault and battery, loitering and prowling, aggressive panhandling, and various other criminal activity, particularly in high-traffic and tourist-heavy areas, have negatively impacted the City's sense of security and well-being; and

WHEREAS, the City's existing ordinances, along with State and County laws, provide a framework for regulating such conduct, but enhanced, coordinated enforcement is necessary to address persistent criminal violations and improve outcomes for affected areas; and

WHEREAS, it is essential for the City Administration, through the Police Department, to lead in developing and deploying a coordinated and proactive enforcement strategy specifically designed to address these quality-of-life challenges; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a specialized Task Force dedicated solely to the enforcement of the City's Camping Ordinance and other quality-of-life offenses will allow for greater focus, accountability, and consistency in addressing these issues; and

WHEREAS, the areas of Lincoln Road, Washington Avenue, Collins Park, Altos Del Mar Park, and the Beachwalk are among the most impacted by such offenses and are therefore designated as priority zones for the Task Force's enforcement efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, hereby direct the City Administration to create and deploy a specialized Task Force singularly focused on enforcement of the City's Camping Ordinance and other quality of life offenses, during the daytime and the nighttime hours, with priority to be given to the areas of Lincoln Road, Washington Avenue, Collins Park, Altos del Mar Park, and the Beachwalk.

PASSED and ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

ATTEST:

Steven Meiner, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(Sponsored by Vice-Mayor David Suarez)

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION

City Attorney

Date