

C7 AU A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO ENHANCE PUBLIC SAFETY MEASURES BY IMPLEMENTING A 2-WEEK PILOT PROGRAM ASSIGNING AT LEAST ONE (1) MIAMI BEACH POLICE OFFICER TO PATROL EACH OF THE 100 BLOCKS BETWEEN OCEAN DRIVE AND 7TH THROUGH 12TH STREETS IN ORDER TO INCREASE VISIBILITY AND ENHANCE ENFORCEMENT WITH A FOCUS ON NARCOTICS ACTIVITY, LOITERING AND PROWLING, AND EXCESSIVE VEHICLE NOISE.

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, Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

None.

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

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 Kristen Rosen Gonzalez

Co-sponsor(s)

Condensed Title

Ocean Drive MBPD Officer Deployment Pilot Program. (Rosen Gonzalez) CA

Previous Action (For City Clerk Use Only)

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - _____

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WHEREAS, Ocean Drive is world-renowned as a vibrant entertainment and arts and cultural district that draws large crowds of residents, locals and tourists, but experiences certain public safety challenges that have raised some concerns about maintaining a welcoming environment for residents, visitors, and businesses alike; and

WHEREAS, the safety, security, and overall quality of life for residents, businesses, and visitors in the City remains a top priority for the City Commission; and

WHEREAS, the area between Ocean Drive and 7th through 12th Streets represents a high-traffic corridor with a concentration of pedestrian activity, nightlife, and vehicular congestion, which often gives rise to quality-of-life concerns, including narcotics-related offenses, loitering and prowling, and excessive vehicle noise; and

WHEREAS, enhancing police visibility and presence in these areas is a proven strategy for deterring criminal activity, ensuring compliance with City ordinances and State laws, and reassuring residents and visitors as to the safety of the area; and

WHEREAS, the Administration recommends the staffing and deployment of on-duty MBPD officers and specialized unit police officers to patrol the 100 blocks between Ocean Drive and 7th to 12th Streets, seven (7) days per week, as a two (2) week Pilot Program to be extended as necessary; and

WHEREAS, these patrol efforts would be carried out using existing, on-duty police personnel resources so as to not incur any additional budgetary impact; and

WHEREAS, the Administration believes that assigning at least one (1) MBPD officer to patrol each of the 100 blocks between Ocean Drive and 7th through 12th Streets will provide a strategic opportunity to enhance visibility, increase enforcement, and deter illegal or disruptive conduct.

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 Administration to enhance public safety measures by implementing a 2-week Pilot Program assigning at least one (1) Miami Beach Police Officer

to patrol each of the 100 blocks between Ocean Drive and 7th through 12th Streets in order to increase visibility and enhance enforcement with a focus on narcotics activity, loitering and prowling, and excessive vehicle noise.

PASSED and ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

ATTEST:

Steven Meiner, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(Sponsored by Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez)

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION

City Attorney *MAF*

6/17/2025

Date