

C7 AV A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING A POLICY THAT THE WAIVER OF SPECIAL EVENT FEES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION FEES, PERMIT FEES, VEHICLE BEACH ACCESS PASSES, SQUARE FOOTAGE FEES, AND PARK USER FEES, AS WELL AS THE SUBSIDIZING OF ANY CITY SERVICES FEES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO POLICE, FIRE, AND SANITATION, SHALL BE LIMITED TO THE FIRST THREE YEARS OF AN EVENT, WITH AN EXCEPTION FOR EVENTS HELD DURING THE MONTHS OF JULY, AUGUST, AND SEPTEMBER TO THE EXTENT NECESSARY BASED ON FINANCIAL HARDSHIP; AND FURTHER, DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ESTABLISH A REVIEW PROCESS FOR FEE WAIVER APPLICATIONS TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THIS POLICY.

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 Tanya K. Bhatt.

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? 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

Establish Policy to Limit Waiver of Special Event Fees to First Three Years of an Event. (Bhatt)
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Previous Action (For City Clerk Use Only)

RESOLUTION NO. _____

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WHEREAS, the City of Miami Beach recognizes the importance of special events in promoting tourism, cultural activities, and community engagement; and

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Beach has historically provided waivers and subsidies for special event fees to support the successful execution of these events; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission seeks to establish a policy to ensure the equitable distribution of resources and to encourage the sustainability of special events within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that limiting the waiver of special event fees and the subsidizing of City services fees to the first three years of an event will promote fiscal responsibility and encourage event organizers to plan for long-term sustainability; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission recognizes the unique challenges faced by events held during the summer months of July, August, and September, and therefore provides an exception for these months to the extent necessary based on financial hardship; and

WHEREAS, for existing events, the three-year period will commence with the first event following the adoption of this resolution, subject to any contractual commitments extending past such three-year period; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager or their designee shall establish a review process for fee waiver applications to ensure compliance with this policy; and

WHEREAS, the review process shall include an assessment of the financial hardship claimed by the event organizers for events held during the months of July, August, and September; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager or their designee shall provide a report to the City Commission annually, detailing the fee waivers granted and the financial impact on the City

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, that the Mayor and City Commission hereby establish a policy that the waiver of special event fees, including but not limited to special event application fees, permit fees, vehicle beach access passes, square footage fees, and park user fees, as well

as the subsidizing of any City services fees, including but not limited to police, fire, and sanitation, shall be limited to the first three years of an event, with an exception for events held during the months of July, August, and September to the extent necessary based on financial hardship; and further, direct the City Manager to establish a review process for fee waiver applications to ensure compliance with this policy.

PASSED and ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

ATTEST:

Steven Meiner, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(Sponsored by Commissioner Tanya K. Bhatt)

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION

City Attorney

6/15/2025
Date