

C7 S A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE, AT ITS JUNE 11, 2025 MEETING, AND DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO CONSIDER FUNDING, DURING THE FY 2026 BUDGET PROCESS, THE DESIGN AND PERMITTING PHASE FOR A KAYAK LAUNCH IN NORTH BEACH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250,000.

Applicable Area:



COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Eric Carpenter, City Manager

DATE: June 25, 2025

TITLE: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE, AT ITS JUNE 11, 2025 MEETING, AND DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO CONSIDER FUNDING, DURING THE FY 2026 BUDGET PROCESS, THE DESIGN AND PERMITTING PHASE FOR A KAYAK LAUNCH IN NORTH BEACH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250,000.

RECOMMENDATION

The Administration supports accepting the recommendation of the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee (PSNQLC) to approve the funding request of \$250,000 to support the design and permitting phase for a Kayak Launch in North Beach.

The Administration recommends that while the Mayor and Commission evaluates establishing a Kayak Launch in North Beach, it also carefully considers several critical factors that will significantly impact the General Fund budget, beginning in FY2026:

1. The City's increasing unfunded capital improvement program.
2. Long-term General Fund financial projections indicating a potential shortfall in upcoming fiscal years.
3. The passage of Amendment 5 in November 2024, which increases the homestead exemption and further constrains the growth of taxable property values.

These considerations are essential to ensure that decisions regarding establishing a new Kayak Launch in North Beach align with the City's broader long-term financial stability and strategic priorities. If the Mayor and Commission approves funding a Kayak Launch in North Beach, the Administration recommends it to be considered as part of the FY 2026 budget process.

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

In May 2017, the City opened a Kayak/Non-Motorized Vessel (NMV) Launch at the Parkview Island Annex. However, due to ongoing water quality concerns in the adjacent canal, the launch has been closed since March 2020.

Given the continued closure and the desire to provide access to non-motorized watercraft, there is interest in identifying an alternative location for a Kayak/NMV Launch in the North Beach area while water quality issues at Parkview are being addressed.

During the April 23, 2025 Commission meeting, at the request of Commissioner Laura Dominguez, the Mayor and City Commission referred an item (C4 M) to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee ("PSNQLC"), to discuss a suitable location for a Kayak Launch in North Beach. (Exhibit A).

At the June 11, 2025 Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee (PSNQLC) meeting, the item received a favorable recommendation. The Parks and Recreation and Environmental Sustainability Departments estimate an initial appropriation of \$250,000 to support the design and permitting phase of the Kayak Launch in North Beach. This phase is anticipated to take approximately 24 months to complete, and will include all required design work and regulatory approvals. (Exhibit B)

Following completion of the design and permitting phase, a separate funding request for the construction phase will be submitted during a future fiscal year.

ANALYSIS

To evaluate alternative locations for a Kayak/Non-Motorized Vessel (NMV) launch in North Beach, City staff reviewed monthly water quality data from sites north of 63rd Street, focusing on Enterococcus and Fecal coliform levels. While the City's monitoring program is designed for stormwater evaluation, results were compared against State standards for recreational waters: 70 MPN/100mL (Enterococcus) 800 CFU/100mL (Fecal coliform).

The waterfront adjacent to the P100 lot at 81st Street and Hawthorne Avenue was identified as a promising alternative due to acceptable water quality, nearby sampling sites, and available parking.

The southern portion of Tatum Waterway near Crab Alley was also considered, but not recommended due to lack of consistent water quality data, proximity to the Parkview Canal, upcoming infrastructure projects, limited parking, and high stormwater runoff.

Staff also noted a prior attempt to permit a kayak launch at 81st Street and Crespi Boulevard was denied due to the adjacent property owner refusing to provide a required Letter of Consent.

Any future kayak launch will require coordination with DERM, FDEP, and USACE, with permitting considerations including water depth, benthic resources, endangered species habitat, navigational concerns, and property owner consent.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

If approved by Commission the funding request of \$250,000 for the design and permitting phase of a kayak launch at North Beach will be submitted and reviewed for consideration during the FY 2026 budget process.

Does this Ordinance require a Business Impact Estimate? (FOR ORDINANCES ONLY)

If applicable, the Business Impact Estimate (BIE) was published on:
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\$250,000 design and permitting cost.

CONCLUSION

The Administration supports the acceptance of the recommendation from the PSNQLC to include an initial appropriation of \$250,000 to fund the design and permitting phase of the Kayak Launch in North Beach as part of the FY 26 budget process. This phase is expected to take approximately 24 months to complete and will encompass all necessary design efforts and required regulatory approvals.

Upon completion of this phase, a separate funding request for the construction phase will be submitted in a future fiscal year, based on finalized plans and permitting outcomes.

Applicable Area

North 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

Parks and Recreation

Sponsor(s)

Commissioner Laura Dominguez

Co-sponsor(s)

Commissioner David Suarez

Condensed Title

Accept Recommendation, Kayak Launch in North Beach. (Dominguez/Suarez) PKS

Previous Action (For City Clerk Use Only)

C4 M REFERRAL TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE
COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS A SUITABLE LOCATION FOR A KAYAK LAUNCH IN
NORTH BEACH.

Applicable Area:

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Commissioner Laura Dominguez

DATE: April 23, 2025

TITLE: REFERRAL TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS A SUITABLE LOCATION FOR A KAYAK LAUNCH IN NORTH BEACH.

RECOMMENDATION

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

ANALYSIS

Please place on the April 23, 2025 agenda a referral to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee to discuss a suitable location for a kayak launch in North Beach.

The Park View Canal's "no contact with the water" advisory remains in effect for the area adjacent to the kayak launch at 73rd Street. Water sampling results continue to show fecal indicator bacteria concentrations that exceed the recreational water quality standards established by the Florida Department of Health.

Given the ongoing health concerns at this location and the inability of residents and visitors to launch their kayaks from 73rd Street, I would like for the Administration to present and discuss alternative site options in North Beach that would be appropriate for safe public use.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

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Office of Commissioner Laura Dominguez

Sponsor(s)

Commissioner Laura Dominguez

Co-sponsor(s)

Commissioner David Suarez

Condensed Title

Ref: PSNQLC - Suitable Location for Kayak Launch in North Beach. (Dominguez/Suarez)

Previous Action (For City Clerk Use Only)

7. DISCUSS A SUITABLE LOCATION FOR A KAYAK LAUNCH IN NORTH BEACH.
Applicable Area:

MIAMI BEACH

COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM

TO: Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee Members

FROM: Eric Carpenter, City Manager

DATE: June 11, 2025

TITLE: DISCUSS A SUITABLE LOCATION FOR A KAYAK LAUNCH IN NORTH BEACH.

RECOMMENDATION

The Administration recommends that water quality and parking capabilities be important considerations in evaluating a future kayak launch location in North Beach.

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

The City opened a Kayak/NMV (Non-Motorized Vessel) Launch at Parkview Island Annex in May 2017. Due to water quality concerns in the canal serving the launch, the launch has been closed since March 2020.

There is a desire to find an alternative location for a Kayak/NMV Launch in North Beach while water quality concerns at Parkview are addressed.

ANALYSIS

To fully understand the water quality, the administration staff conducted a review of the City's available monthly water quality sampling sites located in North Beach (above 63rd street), specifically for the two fecal indicator bacteria parameters applicable to marine waters: Enterococcus and Fecal coliform. While the City's program was developed for the purpose of long term water quality analysis related to the stormwater program as opposed to recreational use, these two parameters were reviewed in accordance with the State regulatory standards for beach recreational water quality intended for bathing (70 MPN/100mL and 800 CFU/100mL respectively).

Considering this and parking availability, the street end or waterfront adjacent to the P100 lot located at 81st Street and Hawthorne Avenue could be considered for an alternative kayak launch in North Beach. This location has both an acceptable level of water quality, two nearby monthly water quality testing sites, and an appropriate availability of parking.

The administration staff were also asked by Commissioner Dominguez to consider the southern portion of Tatum Waterway, adjacent to Crab Alley. However, because no monthly water quality testing site currently exists in this location to evaluate multi-year water trends and because Park view Canal is currently adjacent to this waterway, the Administration currently does not recommend the use of this location. In addition, significant upgrades are planned in this vicinity, including a potential dredging project, living shoreline improvements utilizing federal appropriations, and stormwater retrofits. If a kayak launch were permitted and installed in this location, it would have to be removed for these future projects, which would then require additional permits. The water quality sampling location within Tatum Waterway is located centrally at the pedestrian bridge, with limited public parking available. It is also important to note Tatum

Waterway has over a dozen stormwater outfalls which means during rain events, there could be a significant influx of stormwater which has the potential to pick-up street level contaminants such as fecal waste.

From a community standpoint, it is also important to note that in the past, the Office of Capital Improvements attempted to permit a kayak launch at 81st Street and Crespi Boulevard. However, after completing the design phase and submitting permit applications, the Miami-Dade County Division of Environmental Resources Management (DERM) required a Letter of Consent from the adjacent property owner for exceeding the boundaries of the D-5 triangle regulated by County zoning codes. The adjacent property owner declined to sign, so the permit (CLI-2018-0006) was not issued and the application deactivated.

Additional regulatory considerations from the environmental permitting agencies would be needed to develop a new kayak launch. The installation would require review and approval from the DERM, Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) at a minimum. Many of the regulatory considerations from these agencies would include the presence of benthic resources, water depth, endangered species habitat as well as the letters of consent from the adjacent property owners, water ward extension of the structures, and navigational concerns.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

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Parks and Recreation & Environmental & Sustainability Department

Sponsor(s)

Commissioner Laura Dominguez

Co-sponsor(s)

Condensed Title

Suitable Location for kayak launch in North Beach (Dominguez)

C4 M REFERRAL TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE
COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS A SUITABLE LOCATION FOR A KAYAK LAUNCH IN
NORTH BEACH.

Applicable Area:

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Commissioner Laura Dominguez

DATE: April 23, 2025

TITLE: REFERRAL TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS A SUITABLE LOCATION FOR A KAYAK LAUNCH IN NORTH BEACH.

RECOMMENDATION

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

ANALYSIS

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North Beach

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Co-sponsor(s)

Commissioner David Suarez

Condensed Title

Ref: PSNQLC - Suitable Location for Kayak Launch in North Beach. (Dominguez/Suarez)

Previous Action (For City Clerk Use Only)

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE, AT ITS JUNE 11, 2025 MEETING, AND DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO CONSIDER FUNDING, DURING THE FY 2026 BUDGET PROCESS, THE DESIGN AND PERMITTING PHASE FOR A KAYAK LAUNCH IN NORTH BEACH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250,000.

WHEREAS, in May 2017, the City opened a Kayak/Non-Motorized Vessel (NMV) Launch at the Parkview Island Annex (the "Parkview Island Launch");

WHEREAS, due to ongoing water quality concerns in the adjacent canal, the Parkview Island Launch has been closed since March 2020;

WHEREAS, at the April 23, 2025 Commission meeting, at the request of Commissioner Laura Dominguez, the Mayor and City Commission referred an item (C4 M) to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee ("PSNQLC"), to discuss a suitable location for a new kayak launch in North Beach (the "New Kayak Launch"); and

WHEREAS, at the June 11, 2025 PSNQLC meeting, item C4 M received a favorable recommendation; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Department and Environmental Sustainability Department estimate that the total cost for design and permitting of the New Kayak Launch will be \$250,000; and

WHEREAS, accordingly, the Parks and Recreation Department and Environmental Sustainability Department recommend an initial appropriation of \$250,000 to support the design and permitting phase of the New Kayak Launch; and

WHEREAS, the design and permitting phase of the New Kayak Launch is anticipated to take approximately 24 months to complete and will include all required design work and regulatory approvals; and

WHEREAS, following the design and permitting phase, a separate funding request for the construction phase of the New Kayak Launch will be submitted during a future fiscal year.

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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 accept the recommendation of the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee, at its June 11, 2025 meeting, and direct the Administration to consider funding, during the FY 2026 budget process, the design and permitting phase for a kayak launch in North Beach in the amount of \$250,000.

PASSED and **ADOPTED** this ____ day of _____ 2025.

Steven Meiner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION

City Attorney *EA*

6/17/2025

Date