

C4 U REFERRAL TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE
COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS USING PORTION OF THE LOG CABIN FOR
COMMUNITY PANTRY WITH FRIDGE

Applicable Area:

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission
FROM: Commissioner Laura Dominguez
DATE: June 25, 2025
TITLE: REFERRAL TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS USING PORTION OF THE LOG CABIN FOR COMMUNITY PANTRY WITH FRIDGE.

RECOMMENDATION

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

ANALYSIS

Please place on the June 25, 2025 agenda a referral to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee to evaluate the feasibility of dedicating a portion of the Log Cabin to house a permanent food pantry and community fridge for North Beach residents experiencing food insecurity.

Over the past several months I have participated in multiple food distributions in North Beach and have been struck by the large number of our residents experiencing food insecurity, confirming a clear and growing need. Although a community fridge once operated in the area, it was removed after repeated vandalism.

Several local grocery stores have been generously donating food that volunteers collect and distribute to families and individuals each week. However, without a secure, climate-controlled location this model is not sustainable. The Log Cabin site in North Beach, whose long-term use is still under discussion, could be well-suited to serve as a community pantry. As the City moves forward with the reconstruction and restoration of the Log Cabin, I would like to propose for a portion of the cabin to be used to accommodate a modest pantry space and fridge that would safeguard donations and allow consistent, dignified access for families in need.

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

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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

Office of Commissioner Laura Dominguez

Sponsor(s)

Commissioner Laura Dominguez

Co-sponsor(s)

Condensed Title

Ref: PSNQLC - Use Portion of Log Cabin Site for Community Pantry/Fridge. (Dominguez)

Previous Action (For City Clerk Use Only)