

R7 W A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO INSTALL "NO DUMPING - DRAINS TO THE BAY" SIGNAGE NEXT TO STORMWATER DRAINS AT 200 STRATEGIC LOCATIONS TO BE IDENTIFIED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IN COLLABORATION WITH THE ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY DEPARTMENT TO INCREASE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF IMPROPER WASTE DISPOSAL, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE MARINE WATERFRONT PROTECTION AUTHORITY BOARD (MWPA), WITH AN INITIAL PHASE TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE 2025 FISCAL YEAR AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000 USING AVAILABLE FUNDING.

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 Laura Dominguez.

### **FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

The fiscal impact of this measure shall not exceed \$10,000.

**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-notice/>

### **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

## **CONCLUSION**

### **Applicable Area**

Citywide

**Is this a “Residents Right to Know” item,  
pursuant to City Code Section 2-17?**

**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 Laura Dominguez

### **Co-sponsor(s)**

### **Condensed Title**

Install "No Dumping - Drains to the Bay" Signage. (Dominguez) CA

### **Previous Action (For City Clerk Use Only)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - \_\_\_\_\_**

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**WHEREAS**, improper disposal of waste such as trash, oil, chemicals, and other pollutants into storm drains can severely impact water quality and marine life in Biscayne Bay and the Atlantic Ocean; and

**WHEREAS**, many storm drains in the City of Miami Beach lead directly or indirectly to sensitive marine environments, and pollutants carried by stormwater runoff can bypass treatment systems and cause long-term ecological harm; and

**WHEREAS**, public awareness is a key component in preventing pollution, and signage programs in other municipalities, including Key Biscayne, Florida and San Francisco, California, have demonstrated success in reducing stormwater contamination through educational signage near drains; and

**WHEREAS**, at its May 13, 2025 meeting, the City's Marine & Waterfront Protection Authority Board (MWPA) adopted a resolution recommending the installation of signage or markings near storm drains throughout Miami Beach that clearly state "No Dumping - Drains to Bay" or similar messages to discourage the disposal of pollutants; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Miami Beach should develop and procure durable signage, decals, or painted messages for storm drain areas in public rights-of-way, parks, sidewalks, and other accessible locations; and

**WHEREAS**, the City's Public Works Department (PWD) should implement a phased plan for installation, beginning with high-traffic or environmentally sensitive areas, as identified collaboratively by the PWD and the Environmental and Sustainability Department, and continue the signage program over time as part of regular maintenance or capital improvement efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, the City should incorporate community engagement efforts to educate residents, businesses, and visitors about the importance of preventing stormwater pollution and protecting marine and coastal environments.

**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 directing the City Administration to install "No Dumping - Drains to the Bay" signage next to stormwater drains at 200 strategic locations to be identified by the Public Works Department in collaboration with the Environment and Sustainability Department to increase public awareness of the environmental impact of improper waste disposal, as recommended by the Marine Waterfront Protection Authority Board (MWPA), with an initial phase to be implemented in the 2025 fiscal year at a cost not to exceed \$10,000 using available funding.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

**ATTEST:**

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Steven Meiner, Mayor

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Rafael Granado, City Clerk

(Sponsored by Commissioner Laura Dominguez)

APPROVED AS TO  
FORM & LANGUAGE  
& FOR EXECUTION

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City Attorney

6/16/2025  
Date



Key Biscayne, FL



San Francisco, CA

