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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 Joseph Magazine.

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 Joseph Magazine

Co-sponsor(s)

Commissioner Alex Fernandez

Condensed Title

Conduct Comprehensive Review/Reform of Regulations Affecting Small Businesses.
(Magazine/Fernandez) CA

Previous Action (For City Clerk Use Only)

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - _____

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WHEREAS, small businesses constitute the backbone of the City of Miami Beach's economy, representing a majority of storefronts and service providers; and

WHEREAS, many local entrepreneurs report that the cumulative effect of City, County, and State regulations—spanning zoning approvals, building permits, Business Tax Receipts, environmental (DERM) clearances, and recurring operational requirements—creates significant barriers to opening and sustaining a business; and

WHEREAS, although Code Compliance diligently and faithfully enforces the rules, many of the ordinances on the books—long-layered, redundant, or simply outdated—impose disproportionate hardship on small businesses with limited administrative resources; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Commission are committed to fostering an environment in which small businesses can thrive without unnecessary procedural or financial burdens, while still ensuring public safety, environmental stewardship, and neighborhood quality of life; and

WHEREAS, a data-driven review—conducted in partnership with affected stakeholders—will enable the City to modernize its regulatory framework, streamline internal processes, reduce compliance costs, and enhance Miami Beach's overall economic resilience; and

WHEREAS, the Administration is hereby directed to undertake, within one hundred twenty (120) days, a comprehensive review of the City's ordinances, administrative rules, and inter-agency processes that govern (a) opening a business, (b) obtaining and renewing required licenses and permits, and (c) day-to-day operations, with a specific focus on impacts to small businesses; and

WHEREAS, the review shall evaluate redundancies, outdated provisions, conflicting requirements, and processing timelines involving, but not limited to, Planning, Building, Fire, Code Compliance, Finance (Business Tax Receipt), and Public Works; and

WHEREAS, the Administration should be prepared to present a status report to the Commission at its September 3, 2025 meeting; and

WHEREAS, at the conclusion of the 120 day period, the City Manager then shall present to the Mayor and City Commission a report containing (a) findings, (b) recommended repeals or

amendments to City ordinances, (c) proposed administrative or technological improvements, and (d) estimated fiscal impacts with Letter-to-Commission.

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 City Administration to conduct a comprehensive review of the City's regulatory framework as it affects small businesses within 120 days; to identify ordinances, rules, and processes that are unduly burdensome—including those governing permitting, Business Tax Receipts, environmental review, and ongoing operations—and to return to the Mayor and City Commission with recommended reforms that reduce cost, time, and complexity while maintaining public safety and compliance with State and County law; and to present a status report at the September 3, 2025 City Commission meeting.

PASSED and ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2025.

ATTEST:

Steven Meiner, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(sponsored by Commissioner Joseph Magazine)

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney

6/25/2025

Date