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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

TITLE: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, EXTENDING THE "AD HOC IGUANA REMEDIATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE," FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR (SUBJECT TO EARLIER OR LATER SUNSET BY THE CITY COMMISSION) THROUGH JUNE 28, 2026, TO CONTINUE ADDRESSING IGUANA MITIGATION AND REMOVAL EFFORTS.

RECOMMENDATION

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

ANALYSIS

The attached Resolution was prepared at the request of the sponsor, Mayor Steven Meiner.

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)

Mayor Steven Meiner

Co-sponsor(s)

Commissioner Alex Fernandez

Condensed Title

Extend Ad Hoc Iguana Remediation Advisory Committee. (Meiner/Fernandez) CA

Previous Action (For City Clerk Use Only)

RESOLUTION NO. _____

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WHEREAS, black spiny-tailed iguana, the Mexican spiny-tailed iguana, and green iguanas are not native to Florida and are considered an invasive species due to their impacts on native wildlife; and

WHEREAS, iguanas indiscriminately consume plant material, including landscaping, endangered plants, and tropical fruit and vegetable crops; and

WHEREAS, iguanas cause significant damage to buildings and other structures with their large burrows and disturb native wildlife populations by hijacking other animals' burrows; and

WHEREAS, iguanas are not protected in Florida except by anti-cruelty laws and can be humanely removed under the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's guidelines; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, the City launched a successful iguana removal pilot program, removing over 200 iguanas from various parks; and

WHEREAS, following the pilot program, the City contracted Redline Iguana Removal for a yearly service and established an iguana mitigation and removal program; and

WHEREAS, the City's Property Management staff negotiated a resident rate for iguana removal on private property; and

WHEREAS, on November 3, 2021, the City awarded ITQ 2022-062-NA to Iguana Control for iguana remediation, resulting in the humane euthanization of over 1,000 iguanas citywide since January 2022; and

WHEREAS, on September 14, 2022, the Mayor and City Commission adopted Resolution No. 2022-32269, establishing an Ad Hoc Iguana Remediation Advisory Committee (the “Committee”) for a term of six months; and

WHEREAS, the Committee was re-established for a period of one year via Resolution No. 2023-32650 adopted by the City Commission on June 28, 2023, with a sunset date of June 28, 2024; and

WHEREAS, on May 15, 2024, the Mayor and City Commission adopted Resolution No. 2024-33048 extending the Committee for an additional year through June 28, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the City's iguana mitigation program has had a measure of success, but the iguana population much work remains to be done in iguana remediation efforts, and residents remain concerned; and

WHEREAS, there is a continued need for the Committee to meet and monitor the progress of the remediation efforts, and it would be beneficial for the Committee to continue its work; and

WHEREAS, as such, the Mayor and City Commission wish to extend the Committee for an additional year, through June 28, 2026.

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 extend the "Ad Hoc Iguana Remediation Advisory Committee" for a period of one year (subject to earlier or later sunset by the City Commission) through June 28, 2026, to continue addressing iguana mitigation and removal efforts.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____ 2025.

ATTEST:

Steven Meiner, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(Sponsored by Mayor Steven Meiner)

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney

6/17/2025

Date