

C7 R A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPAND THE CAREGIVER PARKING PERMIT PROGRAM.

Applicable Area:

# MIAMI BEACH

## COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Rickelle Williams, Interim City Manager

DATE: July 24, 2024

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

The City Administration ("Administration") recommends that the Mayor and City Commission ("City Commission") adopt the Resolution.

### **BACKGROUND/HISTORY**

The City of Miami Beach ("City") Parking Department currently administers a Caregiver Parking Permit Program (the "Permit" or "Program"). The Program is available to senior residents who live in senior housing facilities or within restricted residential parking permit zones and grants parking privileges to the senior residents' authorized caregivers. As of July 2024, 19 participants are currently registered in the Program.

In order to participate in the current Program, a resident must be 62 years of age or older and/or a Medicare/Medicaid participant, show proof of Miami Beach residency, provide a signed affidavit from their physician stating the need for caregiver services, and provide a copy of the caregiver's vehicle registration. Attachment A includes the current Caregiver Medical Affidavit form. The cost to purchase a Permit is \$25.00. Permits are valid for six (6) months from the date of issuance and can be renewed indefinitely.

On January 16, 2019, the City Commission adopted Resolution No. 2019-30669 expanding the Program to be honored at certain municipal parking lots and parking garages near senior housing facilities. However, the current Program limits eligibility to only those senior residents who live in restricted residential parking permit zones or senior housing facilities. In addition, the current Program limits the locations where caregivers are authorized to park (the lots and garages depicted in Attachment B) which may not necessarily be in close proximity to where the senior resident lives.

Given the limitations with the current Program, Commissioner Alex Fernandez has requested that the Administration consider expanding the Program to allow senior residents who do not currently reside within a restricted residential parking permit zone or in a senior housing facility to benefit from this Program by allowing their authorized caregivers to park at any on-street or off-street parking space citywide while conducting caregiver services.

## **ANALYSIS**

The proposed expansion of the Program would benefit both senior residents and their caregivers by offering additional and more convenient parking options. Firstly, the expansion would allow any senior Miami Beach resident, regardless of where they live, to avail themselves of the Program. Furthermore, the proposed expansion of the Program would grant caregivers the authority to park in any on-street metered parking space or parking lot, potentially closer to the senior resident's home, particularly if the resident does not live within a restricted residential parking permit zone or in a senior housing facility.

Based on recent discussions with Commissioner Alex Fernandez, as part of the proposed expansion of the Program, authorized caregivers would be offered the discounted parking rate for residents (currently \$1.00 per hour and subject to Consumer Price Index increases), in lieu of regular non-resident rates, to park at any on-street or off-street location in the City, unless otherwise posted.

Furthermore, it is important to note that the proposed expansion of the Program would maintain the existing terms of the current Program. However, a new requirement would include a signed letter from the caregiver's employer/agency to be provided by the senior resident upon registration.

## **FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

Given the City's current population demographic, if approximately one-fourth of all potentially eligible senior residents participate in the Program, it would equate to approximately 4,000 participants and an annual revenue to the City of approximately \$200,000 in Permit fees in addition to parking revenues. However, it is difficult to ascertain the net fiscal impact that the proposed Program expansion would have on the City's parking revenues given caregivers would pay the resident discount rate rather than the non-resident rates for on-street parking spaces and parking lots, as well as the impact that the proposed Program expansion would have on parking demand at this time.

## **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**

N/A

## **CONCLUSION**

The current Caregiver Parking Permit Program has certain restrictions limiting the eligibility of senior residents and the parking options for their caregivers. The proposed expansion of the Program would benefit both senior residents and their caregivers by offering additional and more convenient parking options. The expansion would allow any senior Miami Beach resident, regardless of where they live, to avail themselves of the Program. Furthermore, the proposed expansion of the Program would grant caregivers the authorization to park in any metered parking space or parking lot (at the prevailing resident discount rate) potentially in closer proximity to the senior resident's home, particularly if the resident does not live within a restricted residential parking permit zone or in a senior housing facility.

The Administration recommends that the City Commission adopt the Resolution.

**Applicable Area**

Citywide

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

Yes

**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): N/A

**Department**

Parking

**Sponsor(s)**

Commissioner Alex Fernandez

**Co-sponsor(s)**

Commissioner Laura Dominguez

**Condensed Title**

Expand Caregiver Parking Program. (Fernandez/Dominguez) PK

# ATTACHMENT A

# MIAMI BEACH

Permit # \_\_\_\_\_

City of Miami Beach, 1700 Convention Center Drive, Miami Beach, Florida 33139, [www.miamibeachfl.gov](http://www.miamibeachfl.gov)  
FINANCE DEPARTMENT

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

## CAREGIVER MEDICAL AFFIDAVIT

I, \_\_\_\_\_, am the ATTENDING PHYSICIAN for \_\_\_\_\_, who resides at \_\_\_\_\_ located within the boundaries of Residential Permit Parking Area \_\_\_\_\_. He/She requires health care for the duration of \_\_\_\_\_, during the days the Residential Parking Ordinance is in effect.

**I DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THE FOREGOING IS TRUE AND CORRECT.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
PHYSICIAN'S SIGNATURE\_\_\_\_\_  
LICENSE #\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

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I, \_\_\_\_\_, am a HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL caring for \_\_\_\_\_ for the duration of \_\_\_\_\_, who resides at \_\_\_\_\_. I hereby apply for a Caregiver Parking Permit for Zone \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
LICENSE PLATE #\_\_\_\_\_  
YEAR\_\_\_\_\_  
MAKE\_\_\_\_\_  
MODEL

**I DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THE FOREGOING IS TRUE AND CORRECT.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
HEALTH CARE ATTENDANT'S SIGNATURE\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_, by \_\_\_\_\_.

(Seal)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Notary Public\_\_\_\_\_  
Print, Type/Stamp Name of Notary

Personally known: \_\_\_\_\_

OR Produced Identification: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Identification Produced: \_\_\_\_\_

# ATTACHMENT A

Permit # \_\_\_\_\_

## Caregiver Parking Permit

Bona fide resident requiring home medical care/assistance from either established caregiver agencies and/or family members/friends that assist in the care and/or support of the resident are eligible for a caregiver permit, one per person and limited two (2) per household, upon proof of residency and submittal of the completed City of Miami Beach Parking Department application. The caregiver permit exempts the caregiver's vehicle for both daytime and/or overnight residential parking program restrictions; however, it does not exempt the vehicle from paying at parking meters or at prohibited parking (e.g., parking meters/pay stations; fire hydrants, crosswalks, pavement marking including yellow curbs).

An applicant must submit the original copy of this medical affidavit signed by a physician or director of a nursing agency providing caregiver services with the following information:

- Current date
- Name of the caregiver and duration of services, including frequency of service
- Name of patient and address
- License plate and make of the vehicle that will be parked on the street




## Program Participation Requirements are:

- Proof of residency – utility bill or bank statement within 30 day of issuance.
- Ages 62 or over and/or Medicare/Medicaid participants
- Completed notarized Medical Affidavit (contact office for form)

## Permit Restrictions:

- Caregiver Permits may only be issued for the duration stated on the physician's letter not to exceed six (6) months; subsequent renewals require beyond six (6) months.
- One Caregiver Parking Permit per person or two per household
- Each Caregiver Parking Permit cost is \$25.00, excluding sales tax, and is valid for six months.
- Residents are responsible for the Caregiver Parking Permits issued to them. Permits are not specific to one caregiver's vehicle; thus, different caregivers may use the same permit.
- Caregiver Parking Permits are only valid at the authorized zone listed on the permit.
- Lost or stolen permits are subject to a \$25.00 replacement fee and limited upon the manager or supervisor's discretion.

# Parking for Caregivers

-  Residential Zones
-  Parking Lots and Garages
-  Metered Parking

