

OB 3. A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO PREPARE A PLAN AND A COST ESTIMATE FOR TRAPPING, AND SPAYING OR NEUTERING ALL COMMUNITY CATS WITHIN MIAMI BEACH OVER A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS, WITH THE PLAN TO BE PRESENTED TO THE FINANCE AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCY COMMITTEE ("FERC") AT ITS JULY 26, 2024 MEETING.

Applicable Area:

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-33041

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO PREPARE A PLAN AND A COST ESTIMATE FOR TRAPPING, SPAYING OR NEUTERING, AND RELEASING ALL COMMUNITY CATS IN MIAMI BEACH WITHIN AN EFFICIENT AND EXPEDITED TIMELINE, WITH THE PLAN TO BE PRESENTED TO THE FINANCE AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCY COMMITTEE ("FERC") AT ITS JULY 26, 2024 MEETING.

WHEREAS, the issue of uncontrolled community cat populations poses significant challenges to public health, safety, and animal welfare in Miami Beach; and

WHEREAS, trapping, spaying/neutering, and releasing ("TNR") community cats is a proven method for managing their populations humanely and effectively; and

WHEREAS, due to the amount of community cats present in the City, a comprehensive plan and cost estimate are necessary to undertake a successful spaying and neutering initiative; and

WHEREAS, as such, the Administration is directed to prepare a detailed TNR plan for spaying and neutering all community cats within Miami Beach over a period of six (6) months, with the plan to include, but not be limited to: (1) identification and mapping of community cat colonies within the city, (2) coordination with local animal welfare organizations and veterinarians to conduct spaying and neutering procedures, and (3) outreach and education efforts to engage residents to assist with the initiative; and

WHEREAS, the Administration shall also provide a comprehensive cost estimate for implementing the TNR plan, including expenses for veterinary services, staff, equipment, and outreach materials; and

WHEREAS, both the TNR plan and the cost estimate shall be presented to the Finance and Economic Resilience Committee ("FERC") at its July 26, 2024 meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED 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 prepare a plan and a cost estimate for trapping, spaying or neutering, and releasing all community cats in Miami Beach within an efficient and expedited timeline, with the plan to be presented to the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee ("FERC") at its July 26, 2024 meeting.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 15 day of May 2024.

ATTEST:

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Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(Sponsored by Commissioner David Suarez)

JUN 03 2024

*Steven Meiner*

Steven Meiner, Mayor



APPROVED AS TO FORM & LANGUAGE & FOR EXECUTION

*[Signature]*  
City Attorney

5/28/2024  
Date

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-33239

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCY COMMITTEE AT ITS JULY 26, 2024 MEETING, TO PROCEED WITH THE FERAL CAT POPULATION SURVEY AT A COST NOT EXCEED 30,000 AS FIRST PHASE OF THE PROJECT TO TRAP, SPAY OR NEUTER, AND RELEASE OF ALL COMMUNITY CATS WITHIN THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH WITHIN AN EFFICIENT AND EXPEDITED TIMELINE.

WHEREAS, at its May 15, 2024 meeting, the Mayor and City Commission adopted Resolution No. 2024-33041, directing the Administration to prepare a plan and a cost estimate for trapping, spaying or neutering, and releasing all community cats within Miami Beach withing an efficient and expedited timeline, with the plan to be presented at the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee ("FERC") at its July 26, 2024 meeting; and

WHEREAS, during the public discussion of the item at the May 15, 2024 City Commission discussion, Ms. Linda Diamond, a member of the Animal Welfare Committee, proposed several recommendations that should be included in the plan, including a team dedicated to conduct a feral cat population head count per area, during the night hours, in order to quantify the amount of the feral cat population in the City; and

WHEREAS, at the July 26, 2024 FERC meeting, the Administration presented an update and recommendation to hire a 6-person team (a two-person team in North Beach, Mid Beach, and South Beach) to work 40 hours a week, for a one-month period, responsible for counting the feral cat population in the City; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost for this effort is approximately \$21,000, with a cap of \$30,000, previously approved at the July 12, 2014 FERC Budget Workshop; and

WHEREAS, following the Administration's presentation on July 26, 2024, the Committee made a favorable recommendation to move to the full Commission for final approval.

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 accept the recommendation of the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee at its July 26, 2024 meeting, to proceed with the feral cat population survey at a cost not exceed 30,000 as first phase of the project to trap, spay or neuter, and release of all community cats within Miami Beach within an efficient and expedited timeline.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 11 day of September 2024.

*Steven Meiner*  
Steven Meiner, Mayor

ATTEST:

*Rafael E. Granado*

SEP 17 2024

Rafael E. Granado, Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM & LANGUAGE & FOR EXECUTION

*[Signature]*  
City Attorney

8/23/2024  
Date



Sponsored by Commissioner David Suarez

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# MIAMI BEACH

## COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission  
FROM: Ricardo J. Dopico, City Attorney  
DATE: May 15, 2024

SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO PREPARE A PLAN AND A COST ESTIMATE FOR TRAPPING, AND SPAYING OR NEUTERING ALL COMMUNITY CATS WITHIN MIAMI BEACH OVER A PERIOD OF SIX MONTH, WITH THE PLAN TO BE PRESENTED TO THE FINANCE AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCY COMMITTEE ("FERC") AT ITS JULY 26, 2024 MEETING.

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### BACKGROUND/HISTORY

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 name of lobbyist(s) and principal(s): N/A

### ANALYSIS

The attached Resolution was prepared at the request of the sponsor, Commissioner David Suarez.

### SUPPORTING SURVEY DATA

N/A

### FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The Fiscal Impact to be determined at Committee.

Is this a "Residents Right to Know" item, pursuant to City Code Section 2-14?

No

Does this item utilize G.O. Bond Funds?

No

### Legislative Tracking

Office of the City Attorney

### Sponsor

Commissioner David Suarez

### ATTACHMENTS:

#### Description

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