

R5 AC AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING SUBPART A, OF THE MIAMI BEACH CITY CODE ENTITLED "GENERAL ORDINANCES," BY AMENDING CHAPTER 106, ENTITLED "TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES," BY AMENDING ARTICLE I, ENTITLED "IN GENERAL," BY CREATING SECTION 106-8, TO BE ENTITLED "PERMITTED PARKING BLOCKING A DRIVEWAY OR PARKING SPACE"; AND PROVIDING FOR REPEALER, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
Applicable Area:

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: City Attorney Ricardo J. Dopico

DATE: October 30, 2024 First Reading

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RECOMMENDATION

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

ANALYSIS

Residential parking in the City of Miami Beach is extremely limited.

The City's Parking Department has long maintained an informal policy that allows residents to park blocking access to their own driveways in single family residences.

If enacted the proposed ordinance would potentially increase residential parking availability by codifying this informal policy and extending it to residents of multi-family dwellings of up to four units.

Specifically, the proposed ordinance provides that:

A resident or his or her invited guest(s) may park in such a fashion as to block his or her own:

- (1) Driveway (in a single-family residence); or
- (2) Assigned parking space (in a multi-family dwelling of up to four residences) by parking a vehicle or vehicles one behind the other so long as the building does not prohibit such parking.

In no event shall any vehicle so parked:

- (a) extend into a lane of travel on a public street;
- (b) obstruct any portion of any public sidewalk;
- (c) block the line of sight for any adjacent property owner to safely enter or exit his or her driveway or parking space at his or her own residence;
- (d) obstruct in any manner the use of any fire hydrant, or have or place or cause to be placed any material within fifteen (15) feet from either side thereof; or
- (e) obstruct fire exit discharge.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

Does this Ordinance require a Business Impact Estimate? No

(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?

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 Tanya K. Bhatt

Co-sponsor(s)

Condensed Title

1st Rdg, Permitted Parking Blocking a Driveway or Parking Space. (Bhatt) CA

ORDINANCE NO. _____

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WHEREAS residential parking in the City of Miami Beach is extremely limited; and

WHEREAS, the City's Parking Department has long maintained an informal policy that allows residents to park blocking access to their own driveways in single family residences; and

WHEREAS the Mayor and City Commission desire to increase residential parking availability by codifying this informal policy and extending it to residents of multi-family dwellings of up to four units.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 106-8 of Chapter 106 of the City Code is amended and created as follows:

CHAPTER 106

TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

* * *

Sec. 106-8, ~~Reserved,~~ Permitted Parking Blocking a Driveway or Parking Space.

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SECTION 2. REPEALER.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.

If any section, subsection, clause or provision of this Ordinance is held invalid, the remainder shall not be affected by such invalidity.

SECTION 4. CODIFICATION.

It is the intention of the Mayor and City Commission of the City of Miami Beach, and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made part of the Code of the City of Miami Beach, Florida. The sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or re-lettered to accomplish such intention, and the word "ordinance" may be changed to "section," "article," or other appropriate word.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall take effect on the ____ day of _____, 202__.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 202__.

ATTEST:

Steven Meiner, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(Sponsored by Commissioner Tanya K. Bhatt)

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney

10/21/2021

Date