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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: October 30, 2024

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RECOMMENDATION

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

ANALYSIS

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

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The sponsor of this item requests that the Administration be prepared to address the fiscal impact of this proposed measure, if any.

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 David Suarez

Co-sponsor(s)

Condensed Title

Use of Bait Bikes and Scooters in Efforts to Combat Theft and Report Findings via LTC.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

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WHEREAS, bike and scooter theft are an endemic problem in the City of Miami Beach, affecting a large number of residents and visitors alike; and

WHEREAS, many Miami Beach residents and visitors who own bikes or scooters have experienced theft at least once, even after employing modern locks and other protective measures; and

WHEREAS, bike and scooter thieves have become increasingly sophisticated and brazen in their techniques to overcome theft deterrent methods, posing a significant challenge to bike and scooter owners; and

WHEREAS, there is a suspicion that a number of stolen bikes and scooters are funneled through a small group of "fences," "chop shops," or exported to foreign countries for illicit resale or other purposes; and

WHEREAS, proactive undercover operations using "bait" bikes and scooters equipped with tracking devices could assist the Miami Beach Police Department in identifying and disrupting the networks responsible for bike and scooter theft; and

WHEREAS, such undercover operations could help ascertain where and to whom stolen bikes and scooters are taken, leading to more effective enforcement actions; and

WHEREAS, a targeted program consisting of these operations conducted twice a month over a six-month period could yield valuable information and improve the City's ability to combat this growing problem; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the residents and visitors of Miami Beach to direct the Administration to implement such a proactive approach in addressing bike and scooter theft, thereby improving public safety and quality of life.

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 direct directing the Administration to have the Miami Beach Police Department engage in proactive undercover operations twice a month during a six-month

period using "bait" bikes and scooters equipped with tracking devices; and further direct the Administration to report the results of this program via Letter to Commission at the end of the six-month period.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2024.

ATTEST:

Steven Meiner, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(Sponsored by Commissioner David Suarez)

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney

10/22/2024

Date