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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: November 20, 2024

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RECOMMENDATION

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

ANALYSIS

The attached Resolution was prepared at the request of the sponsor, Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez.

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)

Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez

Co-sponsor(s)

Condensed Title

Designate Code Enforcement Officers to Focus Enforcement on Visual Blight Violations in ADCD. (Rosen Gonzalez) CA

RESOLUTION NO. _____

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WHEREAS, the Art Deco Cultural District (the “ADCD” or the “District”) is one of Miami Beach’s most iconic and internationally recognized neighborhoods, attracting visitors from around the world and playing a vital role in the City’s cultural identity and tourism economy; and

WHEREAS, the ADCD is home to a unique collection of historic buildings, many of which embody the distinctive architectural styles that have made Miami Beach a global landmark in art deco design; and

WHEREAS, the visual appeal and historic integrity of the buildings within the ADCD are central to maintaining the District’s charm, vibrancy, and overall allure as a cultural and tourism destination; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 58 of the Miami Beach City Code outlines the minimum maintenance standards for buildings within the City, which includes requirements that ensure the preservation of a building’s aesthetic appeal and prevent visual blight; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Commission recognize that certain violations of these standards, such as exterior degradation, neglect, or unsightly conditions, detract from the visual cohesion of the Art Deco Cultural District and ultimately diminish the experience for residents and visitors alike; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Commission believe that prioritizing the identification, enforcement, and prosecution of violations that create visual blight in the ADCD will improve the area’s aesthetic appeal and contribute to the long-term preservation of the District’s charm and beauty; and

WHEREAS, with these objectives in mind, it would be desirable for code enforcement officers to prioritize violations that detract from the visual appearance of the buildings in the ADCD, including but not limited to: (a) exterior maintenance issues such as peeling paint, neglected facades, and dilapidated architectural features; (b) the presence of signage, awnings, or other elements that conflict with the historic character of the District and have not been properly approved by any applicable land use board and/or the Planning Department; and (c) any other violations of Chapter 58 that contribute to visual blight

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Commission wish to direct the Administration to allocate resources to ensure that this enforcement is prioritized, so that the ADCD continues to shine as a key asset to the City’s cultural and economic vitality.

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 direct the Administration to designate three of the seven code enforcement officers assigned to the Art Deco Cultural District to prioritize enforcement of the minimum standards for buildings contained in Chapter 58 of the City Code, with a specific focus on violations that create visual blight, to improve the aesthetic appeal and overall cohesion of this historic and iconic district.

PASSED and **ADOPTED** this ____ day of _____ 2024.

ATTEST:

Steven Meiner, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(Sponsored by Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez)

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney

11/12/2024

Date