

NB 15. DISCUSS DIVIDING AREA 2 INTO TWO (AREAS/ZONES): EAST OF INDIAN CREEK AND WEST OF INDIAN CREEK, AND FUNDING FOR ANY ADDITIONAL POLICE OFFICERS NECESSARY FOR FY 2026 TO PROPERLY STAFF THIS INITIATIVE.

Applicable Area:



**COMMISSION MEMORANDUM**

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Commissioner Alex Fernandez

DATE: October 30, 2024

TITLE: REFERRAL TO THE FINANCE AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCY COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS DIVIDING AREA 2 INTO TWO (AREAS/ZONES): EAST OF INDIAN CREEK AND WEST OF INDIAN CREEK, AND FUNDING FOR ANY ADDITIONAL POLICE OFFICERS NECESSARY FOR FY 26 TO PROPERLY STAFF THIS INITIATIVE.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Please place on the October 30, 2024 City Commission agenda a referral to the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee to discuss dividing Area 2 into two areas/zones and funding for additional police officers necessary for FY26 to properly staff this initiative.

The Police Department presently divides the City into four (4) distinct areas: Area 1 (south of Dade Boulevard); Area 2 (from Dade Boulevard to 63rd Street); Area 3 (from 63rd Street to the North end of the City; and Area 4 (the "ADCD"). More specifically, Indian Creek divides Area 2, from the east consisting of densely populated hotels, condominiums, a busy Beachwalk and Beachfront, and the west comprising of predominantly single-family homes, schools, a business corridor, religious institutions and Mount Sinai Medical Center.

On the October 18, 2023, I placed a referral to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee (PSNQLC) to discuss the status of, and options to enhance, MBPD patrols in the Mid-Beach area. The Police Department presented its Mid-Beach police patrol efforts including the feasibility of assigning designated officers to patrol Collins Avenue and Indian Creek Drive in Mid-Beach. The PSNQLC unanimously voted to have MBPD prepare a plan to divide Area 2 as part of the FY25 budget process.

As part of this referral, I request that the City Administration be prepared at Committee to present a plan to split the east side of Area 2 from the west side, and discuss the potential funding for FY 26 for additional police officers in order to patrol the Beachwalk and High Speed Details to address noise and quality of life offenses.

**BACKGROUND/HISTORY**

**ANALYSIS**

**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-notice/>

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

**CONCLUSION**

**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):

**Department**

Office of Commissioner Alex Fernandez

**Sponsor(s)**

Commissioner Alex Fernandez

**Co-sponsor(s)**

**Condensed Title**

Ref: FERC - Divide Area 2 into East/West; Fund Additional Police Officers as Necessary FY 26  
(Fernandez)