

RESOLUTION: _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE AND CITYWIDE PROJECTS COMMITTEE AT ITS SEPTEMBER 20, 2019 MEETING, TO ENGAGE A RATE CONSULTANT TO ASSIST THE CITY IN DEVELOPING MONTHLY USER FEES FOR STORMWATER SYSTEM "TIE-INS," FOR PROPERTIES (OTHER THAN SINGLE FAMILY HOMES) THAT ARE NOT CURRENTLY MAINTAINING THEIR OWN STORMWATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM ON-SITE AND CONNECT TO THE CITY'S STORMWATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM TO HANDLE THEIR STORMWATER VOLUME.

WHEREAS, on April 26, 2017, the Mayor and City Commission adopted Resolution No. 2017-29840, to develop a policy and engineering solution for a stormwater system that would have the capacity to allow private property owners to connect to the City's municipal stormwater system; and

WHEREAS, following the adoption of Resolution No. 2017-29840, certain low-lying commercial properties were permitted to be connected into the City's stormwater system; and

WHEREAS, a stormwater management fee was contemplated as part of the drainage connection permit provided to the commercial properties that are tied into the City's stormwater system, to assess costs to the beneficiaries who "tie-in" or connect to the City's stormwater utility, based on their relative contribution to the City's stormwater utility system's needs; and

WHEREAS, currently, the stormwater fee for properties that connect to the City's stormwater system has not yet been established. However, the runoff shed by these properties flows into the City's system, which results in costs to the City's stormwater enterprise fund; and

WHEREAS, the foregoing costs include operational and maintenance expenses as well as the added capital costs due to capacity constraints; and

WHEREAS, although there are only a few properties that have connected to the City's stormwater system, these commercial properties deferred any upfront capital expenses required to construct on-site stormwater management systems to handle their own stormwater volume on-site; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated stormwater management fee would offset the costs incurred by the City for these commercial properties; and

WHEREAS, the City has historically engaged a rate consultant to establish reasonable fees for its utility systems; and

WHEREAS, on September 20, 2019 meeting, the Finance and Citywide Projects Committee recommended engaging a rate consultant to assist in development of monthly user fees for properties (other than single family homes) that are not currently maintaining their own stormwater systems onsite and connect to the City's stormwater system.

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 Citywide Projects Committee at its September 20, 2019 meeting, to engage a rate consultant to assist the City in developing monthly user fees for stormwater system "tie-ins," for properties (other than single-family homes) that are not currently maintaining their own stormwater management system on-site and connect to the City's stormwater management system to handle their stormwater volume.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 16th day of October, 2019.

ATTEST:

Dan Gelber, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION

Julio F. S. F. 10/7/19
City Attorney RAP Date