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COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM

TO:

Neighborhood and Quality of Life Committee

FROM:

Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager

DATE:

November 6, 2020

SUBJECT:

Discussion Regarding Noise Concerns in the City of Miami Beach

BACKGROUND

This item was originally referred by the City Commission at its October 14, 2020 meeting to the Neighborhood and Quality of Life Committee (NQLC) and sponsored by Commissioner Mark Samuelian.

ANALYSIS

Recently various instances of noise have been reported by residents relating to noise from vehicles, jet skis, AC units as well as one restaurant.

Historically, the majority of noise complaints arise from residential properties as compared to commercial properties (see attached Letters to the Commission). Achieving compliance is a principal goal for Code as it relates to the city's noise ordinance. Compliance is determined after assessment of the complaint by the Code Compliance Officer (CCO) and it is established that the reported noise level is not excessive, unusual and/or unnecessary. This determination may be realized because the noise was lowered prior to the CCO's arrival, an exemption was granted, the noise level was not loud or excessive, the noise was not audible at 100 feet after 11PM or the noise was lowered as a direct result of a violation or warning being issued.

CONCLUSION

This item is presented to the NQLC for discussion.

Attachments:

Attachment A: LTC 254-2020 Q2-2020 Noise Report

Attachment B: LTC 253-2020 Q3 and Q4-2019 Noise Report

Attachment C: LTC 114-2020, Q2-2019 and Annual Noise Report ending March 2019 Attachment D: CMB Emergency Declaration Extension (Ambient Music Permitted)

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