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COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Raul J. Aguila, Interim City Manager

DATE: April 21, 2021

SUBJECT: **AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 14 OF THE MIAMI BEACH CITY CODE, ENTITLED "BUILDING REGULATIONS," BY AMENDING ARTICLE III, ENTITLED "NUMBERING," BY AMENDING SECTION 14-107 THEREOF, ENTITLED "OWNERS SHALL OBTAIN NUMBERS; SIZE; CITY NOT TO FURNISH MATERIAL," TO REQUIRE OWNERS OF HOUSES AND BUILDINGS WITHIN THE CITY WITH ACCESS TO A BEACHWALK TO PLACE THE CORRECT STREET NUMBER ON THE SIDE OF THE BUILDING FACING A BEACHWALK; AND, PROVIDING FOR REPEALER, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

RECOMMENDATION

The Administration recommends that the Mayor and City Commission approve the Amendment to Chapter 14, Section 14-107 of the Miami Beach City Code.

BACKGROUND

On September 11, 2019, the Mayor and City Commission adopted Resolution 2019-30947 which amended Resolutions No. 2016-29649 and No. 2018-30143; said Resolution approved the following amendments: (1) eliminating the Brick Paver Program in its entirety; and (2) eliminating the element of commemorative bench plaques from the Adopt-A-Bench Program and instead, presenting participants with certificates for benches based on tiered pricing. This item (C7-J), initiated a discussion of and direction to Administration to implement a standard for the Beachwalk by installing medallions to indicate street numbers only where there is a beachwalk egress. Consequently, a referral to the Neighborhood/Community Affairs Committee (NCAC) was made on the dais to further discuss street medallions.

On October 23, 2019, the NCAC deliberated on implementing Beachwalk street medallions as a resource to aid visitors and residents in wayfinding and assist Police by providing accurate locations when needed. Further discussion revealed that the locations contemplated along the Beachwalk without street number identification totaled thirty-five (35). The cost of implementing the artistic medallions was excessive in nature and furthermore, limited the location-finding to the street-ends.

ANALYSIS

The Administration reviewed other methods to provide a solution to implementing street numbering along the Beachwalk. Pursuant to Section 14-107(a) (2) of the City Code, all owner of houses and building within the city having access to an alley shall cause the correct street number of the structure to be placed on the any side of the structure facing the ally. The Office of the City Attorney evaluated this ordinance and opined that the existing City Code may be modified by to include structures having access to the Beachwalk. Accordingly, it is in the best interest of the City to amend Section14-107 to require owners of houses and buildings within the City having access to any beachwalk to place the correct street number of the structure on the side of the house or building facing a beachwalk.

The street numbers placed on the houses and buildings shall be subject to the Planning Department's review and approval and shall be implemented upon adoption of this Ordinance, and effective February 1, 2022.

CONCLUSION

The Administration recommends an amendment to the Chapter 14 of the Miami Beach City Code, entitled "Building Regulations", by amending Article III, entitled "Numbering", by amending Section 14-107 thereof, entitled "Owners Shall Obtain Numbers; Size; City Not to Furnish Material", to require owners of houses and buildings within the City having access to a beachwalk to place the correct street number on the side of the building facing a beachwalk; and providing for repealer severability, codification and effective date.