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## COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Chair and Members of the Neighborhood and Quality of Life Committee

FROM: Alina T. Hudak, City Manager

DATE: July 21, 2021

SUBJECT: **A DISCUSSION REGARDING AN ORDINANCE, 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.**

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### **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, as well as 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 for 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 alley. The Office of the City Attorney evaluated this ordinance and opined that the existing City Code may be modified to include structures having access to the Beachwalk. Accordingly, an amended ordinance was presented before the Mayor and City Commission at its April 21, 2021 meeting. The proposed modified ordinance would 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. Upon deliberation of this item, a referral was made on the dais to the Neighborhood and Quality of Life Committee to discuss the concept of Beachwalk markers and how to identify buildings.

The Property Management Department further evaluated Beachwalk markers that could facilitate wayfinding. In addition to the street numbers placed on buildings, other areas should also be contemplated in the amended ordinance. Accordingly, the proposed amendment to the ordinance would require that all owners of houses and buildings within the City having access to a beachwalk shall cause the correct street number of the structure to be placed on the easternmost perimeter gates facing a beachwalk, or, in the absence of the parameter gates, on the easternmost perimeter fence facing the beachwalk, or in the absence of the above-mentioned gate or fence, on the side of the structure facing a beachwalk. A copy of the proposed ordinance has been included herein as Attachment A.

The street numbers placed on the houses and buildings, gates or fences, shall be subject to the Planning Department's review and approval and shall be implemented upon adoption of this Ordinance.

## **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 any beachwalk to place the correct street number of the structure to be placed on the easternmost perimeter gates facing a beachwalk, or, in the absence of the parameter gates, on the easternmost perimeter fence facing the beachwalk, or in the absence of the above mentioned gate or fence, on the side of the structure facing a beachwalk.