

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE ATTACHED PARKLET DESIGN GUIDELINES FOR THE CITY'S SIDEWALK CAFE PARKLET PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, a parklet is a small park, plaza, or creative public space that is physically installed or constructed in an on-street parking space; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Panel for Washington Avenue recommended that the City Commission incentivize the establishment of parklets along Washington Avenue, in order to stimulate economic development and further activate the Washington Avenue corridor; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Commission approved the creation of the Washington Avenue Pilot Parklet Program ("Pilot Program") on December 9, 2015, allowing businesses located along Washington Avenue to install parklets for utilization by sidewalk cafes in on-street parking spaces on a temporary basis, subject to certain requirements and criteria; and

WHEREAS, to encourage restaurants to participate in the Pilot Program, the Mayor and City Commission amended the City Code to abate sidewalk cafe permit application fees and per-square-foot permit fees for sidewalk cafe operators that participated in the Pilot Program; and

WHEREAS, the abatement was extended for a total duration of three (3) years (i.e. through March 31, 2021); and

WHEREAS, on May 13, 2020, the Mayor and City Commission adopted Resolution No. 2020-31276, creating the Restaurant Recovery Outdoor Seating Program, which has been extended through September 30, 2021, and which temporarily permits restaurants to expand sidewalk café seating areas onto public rights-of-way, or other outdoor seating areas on private property; and

WHEREAS, on January 20, 2021, the Land Use and Sustainability Committee ("LUSC") recommended that parklets for sidewalk cafe seating continue to be permitted, and that staff draft an Ordinance creating a permanent parklet program; and

WHEREAS, on July 28, 2021, the Mayor and City Commission adopted an Ordinance creating the City's Sidewalk Café Parklet Program; providing for Design Guidelines; identifying permitted parklet areas; providing for an application, site plan, and fees; incorporating the provisions of the Sidewalk Café Ordinance; and providing for removal; and

WHEREAS, eligibility to participate in the Sidewalk Café Parklet Program is limited to restaurants located along Washington Avenue, between 6th Street and Lincoln Road, and in the Sunset Harbour neighborhood, which is generally bounded by Purdy Avenue to the west, 20th Street and the waterway to the north, Alton Road to the east, and Dade Boulevard to the south; and

WHEREAS, the Ordinance, at Section 82-390(c), provides that "[t]he operation of a parklet shall at all times be consistent with the City's Parklet Design Guidelines, as may be adopted or amended by resolution of the City Commission"; and

WHEREAS, the Administration recommends that the City Commission adopt the proposed Parklet Design Guidelines, which are attached to this Resolution as Exhibit "A".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED THAT THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, that the Mayor and City Commission hereby approve the attached Parklet Design Guidelines for the City's Sidewalk Café Parklet Program.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 28th day of July, 2021.

ATTEST:

Dan Gelber, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney

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Date

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