

Issues by Category

TOP ISSUES REPORTED BY MIAMI BEACH RESIDENTS

FILTH, STENCH AND GARBAGE

Sidewalks, Parking Lots, Storefronts:

This is a major complaint that impacts residents and visitors citywide.

Residents with pets and visitors who are clubbing all night, to the homeless population, filth and stench from animal and human feces, urine and often times vomit permeate our sidewalks throughout MB neighborhoods.

Impact reported from South Pointe on Collins and Washington avenues, Lincoln Road, Ocean Drive / Entertainment District to other parts of the city where there is a concentration of multi-family housing, clubs, Mom & Pop markets and souvenir shops, restaurants, and other types of businesses that get high traffic.

This has a direct negative impact on the quality of life of Miami Beach residents and has a negative effect on the quality and quantity of visitors it attracts.

We recommend that City implement a power-washing / outdoor cleaning service in charge of specific geographic regions within MB targeting some residential sidewalks and business storefronts on a daily basis. A cost analysis should be performed and find ways to cover that expense.

A cleaner city will provide a more positive image of Miami Beach; attract more quality visitors and clientele from South Florida and beyond; enhance quality of life of taxpaying residents; and serve as a job creating initiative, needed during these particularly tough economic times.

Beaches, Boardwalk:

Major frustration of garbage on the beach, along the coast and boardwalk, including South Pointe, Ocean Drive and other park and open spaces.

Broken glass from beer bottles and other glass products, plastics and paper trash abound. They are hazardous to people and animals alike.

MB residents have numerous volunteer activities to help mitigate this problem, but it is a city responsibility that requires a consistent approach to keeping our beaches, boardwalks and parks clean and safe.

We recommend a citywide initiative with uniformed crews displaced throughout the city to constantly be cleaning and picking up trash. We also need to re-assess placement of trash bins and identify where we need to add more to ensure people have where to throw out the garbage.

This continues to be a health and safety issue as well as an image issue. We need to protect our treasures to enhance the experience of those who live and visit our city.

INSUFFICIENT POLICE PRESENCE

Overall Disregard for Law and Order:

There is a problem with the way our city addresses law and order issues. We either have a macro presence in small areas of our city that makes it unwelcoming and even jarring to approach or we have little to no visible police presence.

A localized police presence approach moves illicit behavior to other parts of the city. Therefore, solutions should be implemented citywide.

One immediate recommendation is to have “Beat Cops” strategically placed throughout the city to deter or reduce crime, misbehavior and lawlessness; serve as eyes and ears for other criminal or lawless activities where Beat Cops will be able to call-in suspicious or unlawful activities such as hit and run incidents, reckless driving, excessive speeding, noise infractions, drug, sex trafficking and prostitution.

This will noticeably reduce criminal presence and activity and provide a sense of security to residents and visitors alike. An immediate enhancement of the quality of life to anyone who lives, works or visits our city.

Illegal and proliferation of Short-term Rentals and Clubs in Residential Areas

Complaints abound about illegal short-term rentals. First hand witness of people soliciting women walking along Washington Avenue promoting that they have entire apartment and back yard available for partying on Meridian and 7th – asking people what they like to drink – that they have Tito, Stolis and Patron free – encouraging any stranger from the street to hit their apartment for a good time. These are the types of short-term rentals that are detrimental, attract the wrong crowds, and create problems in our residential neighborhoods.

Lack of police enforcement on open containers

Commonly seen along Ocean Drive, Washington Avenue – people selling shots on the sidewalk to passerbys. Beat Cops could be a huge deterrent for this type of behavior.

Lack of parking enforcement in residential zones

Residents often cannot find parking because of illegal parking from visitors and non-residents. We have noticed less enforcement than before.

Vehicular noise and Vehicular excessive speeding

This is very common – noise pollution emanating from people renting cars with music blaring and excessive speeding, especially during evening hours.

Loitering & Homelessness

Loitering usually takes place along same street corners and we don't understand why there isn't more of a police presence to deter people from loitering. Homelessness is a countywide issue but exacerbated on the beach. We need a solution for them.

Lunch Wagons at Construction Sites

Use of airhorns and trash a major issue. Attempt to address by police helped situation for a while but same behavior returned soon after due to lack of continued enforcement.

LEAF BLOWERS

Major noise and air pollution. This resolves nothing in terms of cleaning city – sidewalks continue to be filthy with animal feces, etc. This is a true quality of life issue and should be addressed. There are other ways to resolve this by requiring non gasoline or electric equipment for starters.

STOREFRONTS

There is a noticeable deterioration of the appearance of commercial facades across the city. We believe there are solutions and funds that could be accessed to offer business owners for the purpose of improving the appearance of their business.

This effort will beautify the city, help businesses attract more customers, and overall enhance the value of the properties.

TRAFFIC PATTERNS INSTITUTED ON WASHINGTON AVENUE

From Resident: Washington is a nightmare. Ocean makes Collins and all connecting streets a nightmare. This causes people to speed through Flamingo to avoid the traffic jams. It really harms me as a cyclist--not as a car driver. It is clear that these streets are not used by the people coming up with these plans. Even the adding of bike lanes to Meridian has drawbacks. A left turn lane from Meridian to 16th was removed. Ostensibly to put in a bike lane. But that turn lane was helpful to cyclists wanting to access the Euclid bike lanes. I just end up using my car more, not less because now it is less safe to bike everywhere.

1. NEW MARKETING – NEW IMAGE
2. NEW PUBLIC PROGRAMMING
3. OVERPRICED COMMERCIAL SPACE DRIVING OUT SMALL BUSINESS
4. MORE VARIETY AND QUALITY SHOPS AND SERVICES NEEDED
5. LAW AND ORDER OUT OF CONTROL
6. CRACK DOWN ON UNRULY TOURISTS
7. ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS
8. SHORE UP THE ECONOMY – LIVING WAGE JOBS
9. DIVERSIFY ECONOMY
10. ATTRACT INVESTMENT
11. CONDOMINIUM SAFETY ISSUE