


MIAMI BEACH

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COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: MAYOR DAN GELBER
MEMBERS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
ALINA HUDAK, CITY MANAGER FIRST READING

FROM: RAFAEL PAZ, CITY ATTORNEY 

DATE: January 20, 2022

SUBJECT: AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 2 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION," BY AMENDING ARTICLE II THEREOF, ENTITLED "CITY COMMISSION," BY AMENDING SECTION 2-12 THEREOF, ENTITLED "MEETING PROCEDURES AND AGENDAS," TO REQUIRE A SOCIAL EQUITY STATEMENT AS PART OF THE ANALYSIS ACCOMPANYING ORDINANCES PLACED ON CITY COMMISSION AGENDAS; AND PROVIDING FOR REPEALER, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Pursuant to the request of Commissioner Alex Fernandez, the above-referenced Ordinance is submitted on First Reading for consideration by the Mayor and City Commission at the January 20, 2022 City Commission meeting.

The proposed Ordinance, if adopted, would require the City Administration to identify and include a social equity statement as part of the consideration of any proposed ordinance, to provide the members of the City Commission and the public with the information necessary to take into account the social impacts proposed measures may have on the community.

The provision of a social equity statement identifying these social impacts would encourage a healthy, well-informed dialogue and debate when ordinances are considered, and will assist the Mayor and City Commission, and the public, in determining the possible effects of the proposed legislation.

The proposed Ordinance is closely modeled after a Miami-Dade County ordinance, which also requires social equity statements as part of the analysis accompanying any proposed legislation.

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