

# MIAMI BEACH

## COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission  
FROM: Commissioner Alex Fernandez  
DATE: July 20, 2022

SUBJECT: REFERRAL TO THE LAND USE AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE, TO DISCUSS THE CONVERSION OF NOISE VIOLATIONS FROM AN EXCESSIVE AND UNNECESSARY STANDARD TO A DECIBEL-BASED SYSTEM, AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A PILOT PROGRAM REQUIRING DECIBEL METERS FOR CERTAIN BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS.

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### **BACKGROUND/HISTORY**

Please place on the July 20, 2022 agenda a referral to the Land Use and Sustainability Committee to discuss the potential conversion of the standard governing noise violations in the City from an excessive and unnecessary standard to a decibel-based system, and further, to discuss the implementation of a Pilot Program requiring that decibel meters be placed in the interior of business establishments that have music or entertainment, whether live or prerecorded.

As part of the referral, I would request that the City Administration and City Attorney's Office be prepared to address at the LUSC meeting the feasibility, practicality, legality, anticipated effectiveness, and any estimated costs associated with the conversion to a decibel-based noise violation system and the adoption of a City Ordinance which, for a defined period of time (Pilot Program), would require business establishments that have music or entertainment, whether live or prerecorded, to place a decibel reader in the interior of such establishment to provide an alert to the establishment and the City when the noise generated from such music or entertainment exceeds a certain decibel threshold.

Thanks.

### **SUPPORTING SURVEY DATA**

N/A

### **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

N/A

### **Applicable Area**

Citywide

**Is this a "Residents Right to Know" item, pursuant to City Code Section 2-14?**

Yes

**Does this item utilize G.O. Bond Funds?**

No

**Strategic Connection**

Non-Applicable

**Legislative Tracking**

Commissioner Alex Fernandez