

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission
FROM: Vice-Mayor Alex Fernandez
DATE: September 14, 2022

SUBJECT: REFERRAL TO THE LAND USE AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
REGARDING PRIVATE PARKING LOTS.

RECOMMENDATION

To review the signage requirements for private parking lots. The objective being that users can be more conspicuously alerted that a lot is private. As part of this referral, the Committee should consider whether it is feasible to require the posting of a Private Parking Lot sign designed and provided by the City with a unique color (like yellow or orange) to more easily and visually differentiate from the green signs that are typically associated with public parking lots.

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

Private parking lots serve an important function to our community providing much needed parking to help sustain our economic activity. Currently, however, it remains difficult for users to distinguish whether a lot is public or private. Adding to the confusion, private lots that utilize mobile applications - such as PayByPhone - post green signs that are similar to the ParkMobile green signs posted by the City in public lots.

The confusion between a private and a public parking lot becomes more concerning when towing is involved as the car owner's rights change. Additionally, the City typically does not tow a vehicle from a public parking space unless absolutely necessary but a private lot may take the ability to tow more freely.

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?

Does this item utilize G.O. Bond Funds?

Yes

No

Strategic Connection

Non-Applicable

Legislative Tracking

Vice-Mayor Alex Fernandez