

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-32269

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING THE "AD HOC IGUANA REMEDIATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE," FOR A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS (SUBJECT TO EARLIER OR LATER SUNSET BY THE CITY COMMISSION), TO STUDY WHAT ACTIONS OTHER JURISDICTIONS HAVE TAKEN TO ADDRESS IGUANA INVASIONS AND MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION REGARDING IGUANA MITIGATION AND REMOVAL OPTIONS; PRESCRIBING THE PURPOSE, COMPOSITION, POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE; FURTHER, APPROVING RFQ NO. 2022-251-WG FOR IGUANA REMEDIATION SERVICES; AND FURTHER, DIRECTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO EXPLORE OPTIONS TO COORDINATE WITH OTHER JURISDICTIONS DEALING WITH IGUANA REMEDIATION ISSUES, SUCH AS THE FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION AND MIAMI-DADE ANIMAL CONTROL; AND FURTHER EXPLORE COLLABORATING ON IGUANA REMEDIATION THROUGH A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH NEIGHBORING MUNICIPALITIES SUCH AS THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, NORTH BAY VILLAGE, AND THE CITY OF MIAMI.

**WHEREAS**, black spiny-tailed iguana, the Mexican spiny-tailed iguana, and green iguanas are not native to Florida and are considered an invasive species due to their impacts to native wildlife; and

**WHEREAS**, iguanas indiscriminately eat any plant material they can get their claws on, including landscaping, widespread and endangered plants in the state, and tropical fruit and vegetable crops; and

**WHEREAS**, iguanas also cause significant damage to buildings and other man-made and natural structures with their large, elaborate burrows, and disturb various native wildlife populations by hijacking other animals' burrows, such as the native burrowing owl and gopher tortoise; and

**WHEREAS**, like all nonnative reptile species, iguanas are not protected in Florida except by anti-cruelty laws and can be humanely removed as long as it is done under the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's guidelines; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2019, the City launched a successful iguana removal pilot program where over 200 iguanas were removed from facilities such as Brittany Bay Park, Muss Park, Pinetree Park, and Flamingo Park by Redline Iguana Removal; and

**WHEREAS**, after the successful pilot program, the City contracted Redline Iguana Removal for a yearly service to the City, and established an iguana mitigation and removal program, with the strategy to remove large iguanas and control future breeding and nests; and

**WHEREAS**, the City's Property Management staff also negotiated a resident rate for removal of iguanas on private property at a rate of \$70.00 per service call (regularly \$100.00); and

**WHEREAS**, on November 3, 2021, the City awarded ITQ 2022-062-NA to Iguana Control for iguana remediation, with the service collecting and humanely euthanizing over 1,000 iguanas citywide since January 2022; and However, despite these efforts, the population continues to grow, and additional resources are being further researched and implemented to remove these prolific pests.

**WHEREAS**, however, despite these efforts, the population continues to grow, and additional resources are being further researched and implemented to remove these prolific pests; and

**WHEREAS**, as follows, the Mayor and City Commission desire to establish an Ad Hoc Iguana Remediation Advisory Committee, for a term of six (6) months, to study actions other jurisdictions have taken to address similar iguana invasions, in addition to contracting with an iguana mitigation and removal program; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose, composition, and powers and duties of the Committee members, and administrative liaison to the Committee are set forth in Exhibit "A" attached to this Resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition, the Mayor and City Commission direct the City Administration to explore options to coordinate with other jurisdictions dealing with iguana remediation issues, such as the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Miami-Dade Animal Control, and further explore collaborating on iguana remediation through a Memorandum of Understanding with neighboring municipalities such as the Town of Surfside, North Bay Village, and the City of Miami.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA**, that the Mayor and City Commission hereby establish the "Ad Hoc Iguana Remediation Advisory Committee," for a period of six months (subject to earlier or later sunset by the City Commission), to study what actions other jurisdictions have taken to address iguana invasions and making recommendations to the Mayor and City Commission regarding iguana mitigation and removal options; prescribing the purpose, composition, powers and


duties of the committee; further, approve RFQ No. 2022-251-WG for iguana remediation services; and further, direct the City Administration to explore options to coordinate with other jurisdictions dealing with iguana remediation issues, such as the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and Miami-Dade Animal Control; and further explore collaborating on iguana remediation through a Memorandum Of Understanding with neighboring municipalities such as the Town of Surfside, North Bay Village, and the City of Miami.

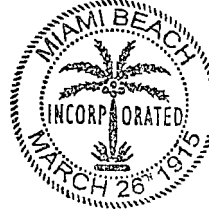
**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 14 day of September 2022.



Dan Gelber, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

 9/27/2022  
Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk



(Sponsored by Vice-Mayor Alex J. Fernandez)

**APPROVED AS TO  
FORM & LANGUAGE  
& FOR EXECUTION**

  
City Attorney 

9-26-22  
Date

**EXHIBIT "A"**

**Ad Hoc Iguana Remediation Advisory Committee**

**A. Purpose**

1. The purpose of the Ad Hoc Iguana Remediation Advisory Committee (the "Committee") would be to study what actions other jurisdictions have taken to address iguana invasions and make recommendations to the Mayor and City Commission regarding iguana remediation options.
2. The Committee will meet on a monthly basis, or as frequently as the Committee deems necessary to make final recommendations. The Committee will sunset at the end of six (6) months unless determined by the Mayor and City Commission that it should be extended.

**B. Membership Composition**

1. The Committee shall be composed of seven (7) direct appointments made by individual City Commissioners and the Mayor, with the currently vacant Group II appointment to be made after the November 8, 2022 election.
2. Membership criteria for the Committee: individuals must be residents of the City for a minimum of two (2) years, or demonstrate ownership/interest in, or employment relationship with a business established in the City for a minimum of two (2) years. Exceptions to the foregoing may be approved by a majority vote of the City Commission for individuals with specific knowledge or expertise relative to iguana remediation or other invasive nonnative species remediation.

**C. Powers and duties**

The Committee will serve to study actions taken by other jurisdictions to prevent, eradicate, and control the spread of invasive iguanas and advise the City Manager and the City Commission on potential actions available to the City in addition to contracting with an iguana mitigation and removal services, including, without limitation, recommendations regarding the Administration's competitive solicitation for iguana mitigation providers.

**D. Conflict of interest.**

In accordance with Florida law, under circumstances presenting a conflict of interest, an advisory board member should abstain from voting with respect to any measure in which the advisory board member has a personal, private, or professional interest and which inures to his special private gain or the special gain of a principal by whom he is retained. The City Attorney's Office liaison shall assist advisory board members in addressing any potential voting conflicts, as necessary.

**E. Administrative Liaison**

The supporting departments for the Committee shall be the City Manager's Office, and the Public Works Department. The City Attorney's Office shall provide counsel to the Committee.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-32404

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2022-32269, WHICH ESTABLISHED THE "AD HOC IGUANA REMEDIATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE," TO PROVIDE FOR A QUORUM OF AT LEAST THREE (3) PEOPLE PRIOR TO CONDUCTING OFFICIAL COMMITTEE BUSINESS.

WHEREAS, on September 14, 2022, the Mayor and City Commission adopted Resolution No. 2022-32269, establishing an Ad Hoc Iguana Remediation Advisory Committee, for a term of six (6) months, to study actions other jurisdictions have taken to address similar iguana invasions, in addition to contracting with an iguana mitigation and removal program; and

WHEREAS, the Resolution provided for the purpose, composition, powers and duties of the committee; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Commission wish to amend Resolution No. 2022-32269 to provide that minimum three (3) of the voting members are required to be present at the meetings in order to constitute a quorum.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, that the Mayor and City Commission hereby amend Resolution No. 2022-32269, which established the "Ad Hoc Iguana Remediation Advisory Committee," to provide for a quorum of at least three (3) people prior to conducting official committee business.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 16 day of November 2022.

*[Handwritten signature of Dan Gelber]*

Dan Gelber, Mayor

ATTEST:

*[Handwritten signature of Rafael E. Granado]*

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

NOV 17 2022

(Sponsored by Vice-Mayor Alex J. Fernandez)

APPROVED AS TO FORM & LANGUAGE & FOR EXECUTION



*[Handwritten signature of City Attorney]*  
City Attorney

11-7-22  
Date