

# MIAMI BEACH

## COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission  
FROM: Vice-Mayor Alex Fernandez  
DATE: November 16, 2022

SUBJECT: REFERRAL TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE AND THE LAND USE AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE REGARDING THE MAINTENANCE OF VACANT LOTS AND REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS.

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### **BACKGROUND/HISTORY**

This morning I received an email from a resident suggesting we consider enhancing the aesthetic requirements of vacant lots. To expand on this idea, I'd like to refer a discussion item regarding the long-term maintenance of vacant oceanfront lots and in general for vacant lots in historic districts.

Moreover, as part of the referral I want to discuss specific regulations to prevent vacant lots over 100,000 sq ft from becoming an eyesore, requiring certain aesthetic standards not limited to fencing, requiring the lot to be sodded and properly landscaped, requiring quarterly inspections to ensure the lot meets the set standards, and a quarterly vacant lot registration with escalating registration fees - possibly based on the property value or size. The registration fees should be allocated to support policing and code enforcement of the area.

### **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**

Neighborhoods - Enhance the beautification, physical appearance and cleanliness of neighborhoods.

### **Legislative Tracking**

Vice-Mayor Alex Fernandez