

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND FINALIZE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU), BETWEEN THE CITY AND MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA (COUNTY), SUBSTANTIALLY IN THE FORM ATTACHED TO THIS RESOLUTION, WITH THE FOREGOING MOU PROVIDING FOR THE CITY TO REIMBURSE THE COUNTY FOR ALL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE EMPLOYMENT OF TWO (2) CRIMINOLOGIST TECHNICIANS, DESIGNATED TO PROVIDE DRUG TESTING SERVICES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE MIAMI BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT; SAID MOU HAVING AN INITIAL TERM OF ONE (1) YEAR WITH UP TO NINE (9) ANNUAL RENEWAL TERMS, UPON MUTUAL AGREEMENT OF THE PARTIES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN INITIAL BASE SALARY FOR EACH TECHNICIAN, PLUS BENEFITS AND OTHER PAYROLL RELATED EXPENSES, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000.00, SUBJECT TO INCREASES FOR PAYROLL EXPENSES IN SUBSEQUENT YEARS; AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THE FINAL NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT WITH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Miami Beach (the "City") is committed to reducing crime (including controlled substance offenses and quality of life offenses) and curtailing repeat offenders; and

**WHEREAS**, the Miami-Dade Police Department's ("MDPD") Forensic Services Division Crime Laboratory ("Crime Lab") provides forensic services to all local agencies within the County, as well as to state and federal agencies, upon request; and

**WHEREAS**, the use of forensic-led technology to apprehend and prosecute criminals should reduce crime both inside and outside City limits regardless of where criminals are ultimately apprehended; and

**WHEREAS**, the utilization of forensic services within the County has significantly increased, as more items per case are being submitted for analysis and MDPD's Crime Lab is overwhelmed with the amount of services being requested County wide; and

**WHEREAS**, the backlog in MDPD's Crime Lab for drug testing services, primarily due to staffing shortages, hampers the ability to prosecute certain controlled substance offenses; and

**WHEREAS**, the Miami Beach Police Department ("MBPD") submits a significant number of cases to MDPD's Crime Lab; and

**WHEREAS**, Mayor Steven Meiner proposes to proactively collaborate with the County and fund two (2) Criminalists to work in the MDPD's Crime Lab to provide drug testing services for those cases brought by MBPD; and

**WHEREAS**, the addition of two (2) Criminalists providing drug testing services for certain MBPD arrests will enhance the ability to successfully prosecute those controlled substance cases and further improve the City's enforcement efforts of controlled substance offenses; and

**WHEREAS**, MBPD recommends that the Mayor and City Commission approve the MOU substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit "A" to the City Commission Memorandum accompanying this Resolution.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA**, that the Mayor and City Commission hereby approve and authorize the City Manager to negotiate and finalize a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), between the City and Miami-Dade County, Florida (County), substantially in the form attached to this resolution, with the foregoing MOU providing for the City to reimburse the County for all costs associated with the employment of two (2) Criminologist Technicians, designated to provide drug testing services for the benefit of the Miami Beach Police Department; said MOU having an initial term of one (1) year with up to nine (9) annual renewal terms, upon mutual agreement of the parties; and providing for an initial base salary for each technician, plus benefits and other payroll related expenses, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00, subject to increases for payroll expenses in subsequent years; and further authorizing the City Manager and City Clerk to execute the final negotiated agreement with Miami-Dade County.

**PASSED and ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of January, 2024.

**ATTEST:**

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Steven Meiner, Mayor

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Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(Sponsored by Mayor Steven Meiner)

APPROVED AS TO  
FORM & LANGUAGE  
& FOR EXECUTION

  
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City Attorney

1-23-24  
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Date