

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission
 FROM: Vice-Mayor Kristen Rosen Gonzalez
 DATE: January 31, 2024

SUBJECT: REFERRAL TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS TO LIGHT POLLUTION FROM MULTI-COLORED DECORATIVE LIGHTING EMANATING FROM ADJACENT RESIDENCES.

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

On behalf of the sponsor of this item, Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez, please place on the January 31, 2024 agenda a referral to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee to discuss potential solutions to light pollution from garish multi-colored decorative lights at residences, often short-term rentals or "party houses," that spill onto adjacent properties.

For instance, we might consider prohibiting exterior lighting above a certain height, or providing for a code violation unless a light baffling instrument is employed to limit light pollution. We could also consider, to the extent we are allowed by state law, to regulate exterior lights at short-term rental properties with a City BTR.

I am open to recommendations City Staff and my colleagues as to the best and most effective solutions.

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

Vice-Mayor Kristen Rosen Gonzalez