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COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission
FROM: Commissioner Steven Meiner
DATE: November 16, 2022

SUBJECT: REFERRAL TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS THE POTENTIAL ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE REGULATING EXCESSIVE VESSEL NOISE WITHIN A CERTAIN DISTANCE OF RESIDENTIAL AREAS.

ANALYSIS

Please place on the November 16, 2022 agenda a referral to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee to discuss whether either the City or Miami-Dade County may adopt an Ordinance similar to a recent Florida Statute relating to excessive noise emanating from vehicles. As an example, one proposal would prohibit noise that is plainly audible at a distance of 25 feet or more, or that is in excess of 90 decibels at a distance of 50 feet or more, when a vessel is located within 1,000 feet of a residential area.

As part of the referral, I would request that the City Attorney's Office be prepared at Committee to address whether either the City of Miami Beach or Miami-Dade County may legally adopt such an ordinance, given the complex jurisdictional issues applicable to the regulation of waterways. If it is legally possible to enact such an ordinance, I would encourage the City Commission to consider enacting such a law, given that noise emanating from vessels continues to adversely affect the quality of life of many of the City's residents, particularly those who live in close proximity to Biscayne Bay or Indian Creek.

SUPPORTING SURVEY DATA

N/A

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

N/A

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

Legislative Tracking

Commissioner Steven Meiner