

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION, INCLUDING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE OFFICE OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES, TO CONDUCT COLLABORATIVE COMMUNITY OUTREACH EFFORTS, AT A MINIMUM, ON A WEEKLY BASIS, IN ORDER TO PROACTIVELY OFFER SERVICES TO PERSONS THROUGHOUT THE CITY EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS; AND FURTHER, DIRECTING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PROACTIVELY ENFORCE THE CAMPING ORDINANCE BY OFFERING IMMEDIATE SHELTER TO HOMELESS PERSONS IN VIOLATION OF THE ORDINANCE OR, IF THE OFFER OF SHELTER IS DECLINED, TO ENSURE THE ORDINANCE IS APPROPRIATELY ENFORCED.

WHEREAS, despite the vast efforts of the City, the issue of homelessness persists within the City of Miami Beach, impacting the safety and well-being of both, individuals experiencing homelessness, and the community at-large; and

WHEREAS, enhanced and expanded collaborative efforts between City departments, including the Police Department and the Office of Housing and Community Services, are essential to effectively address the challenges posed by homelessness; and

WHEREAS, conducting weekly (or more frequent) outreach efforts "in the field" provides additional opportunities to interact with, and offer essential services to, individuals experiencing homelessness, including immediate access to shelter and support services; and

WHEREAS, proactive enforcement of the camping ordinance is also crucial to maintaining the safety, security, health, and well-being of homeless individuals, along with residents and visitors in the community; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department and the Office of Housing and Community Services are expected to conduct weekly "in the field" outreach efforts in order to offer services to persons experiencing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, proactive enforcement of the camping ordinance should include offering immediate shelter to homeless persons found in violation of the ordinance, with all efforts made to connect persons in need with necessary support services; and

WHEREAS, if shelter is declined by homeless individuals violating the camping ordinance, then appropriate measures should be taken to ensure compliance with the ordinance; and

WHEREAS, ongoing evaluation and adjustment of the City's collaborative efforts should be conducted to ensure effectiveness, compassion, and adherence to legal and ethical standards; and

WHEREAS, the aim of this Resolution is to address homelessness in a compassionate and comprehensive manner, while maintaining safety, dignity, and welfare for all.

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 direct the City Administration, including the Police Department and the Office of Housing and Community Services, to conduct collaborative community outreach efforts, at a minimum, on a weekly basis, in order to proactively offer services to persons experiencing homelessness; and further, directing the Police Department to proactively enforce the camping ordinance by offering immediate shelter to homeless persons in violation of the ordinance or, if the offer of shelter is declined, to ensure the ordinance is appropriately enforced.

PASSED and ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2024.

ATTEST:

Steven Meiner, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(Sponsored by Commissioner Alex J. Fernandez)

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney

5/18/2024
Date

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