

MIAMI BEACH

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COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Philip Levine
Members of the City Commission
Jimmy Morales, City Manager

cc: Rafael Granado, City Clerk

From: Raul J. Aguila, City Attorney 

Date: September 13, 2017

Subject: **AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 2 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION," SECTION 2-1, "REASONABLE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD," TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME ALLOTTED TO REPRESENTATIVES OF GROUPS OR FACTIONS OF FIVE OR MORE INDIVIDUALS FROM FIVE TO TEN MINUTES; AND PROVIDING FOR REPEALER, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Pursuant to the request of Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez, the attached Ordinance has been placed on the September 13, 2017 City Commission meeting agenda.

Currently, when more than five individuals wish to be heard on a proposition before the City Commission or a City board, the Mayor, or board chairperson, may request that a representative of the group or faction speak on behalf of the group or faction. In such event, the representative shall be limited to five minutes to speak; however, additional time to speak may be provided by the Mayor or board chairperson or by a majority vote of the board. This Ordinance amends City Code Section 2-1 to increase the period of time for a representative of a group or faction to speak from five minutes to ten minutes.