

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission
FROM: Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager
DATE: January 17, 2018

SUBJECT: REFERRAL TO THE SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCY COMMITTEE REGARDING PARKING INCENTIVES FOR "SMARTWAY" (ILEV - INHERENTLY LOW EMISSION) VEHICLES.

RECOMMENDATION

The Administration recommends the Mayor and City Commission approve a referral to the Sustainability and Resiliency Committee (SRC) to discuss parking incentives for "Smartway" vehicles.

ANALYSIS

Since 2007, the City has developed and codified parking incentives for ILEV (Inherently Low Emission Vehicles) which are classified by the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) as "Smartway" vehicles. These are as follows:

Sec. 106-55. - Parking rates, fees, and penalties; exceptions.

(n) *Smartway vehicles incentive.* The Smartway program will use the state ILEV list; EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) "Smartway" designation; and allow all street legal electric vehicles to qualify for participation in the program. Incentives to be offered to qualified and registered vehicle owners include:

- (1) Monthly parking permit holders for all facilities will be afforded a 50-percent discount on the monthly rate.
- (2) Residential permit holder in all designated zones shall receive a 50-percent savings on either their annual or semi-annual residential permit.
- (3) Five hundred city-wide parking decals, honored at metered spaces only, shall be available only to state-registered Smartway vehicles; vehicles receiving an EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) "Smartway" designation; and all street legal electric vehicles on a first-come, first-served basis. The cost of the Smartway city-wide decal is \$100.00 per year. (4) Two percent of the parking spaces at the 42nd Street Municipal Parking garage may be designated as "Smartway Vehicle Parking Only" for use by recognized Smartway vehicles. One percent of the parking spaces at the 7th Street garage and 13th Street garage may be designated as "Smartway Vehicle Parking Only" for use by recognized Smartway vehicles. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, the city manager or his designee, who shall be the city's parking director, reserves the right, in his reasonable business judgment and discretion, to temporarily suspend the aforesaid "Smartway Vehicle Parking Only" during special events in order to ensure maximum utilization of all parking spaces.
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(o) *Resident scooter and motorcycle permits.* Annual scooter and motorcycle parking permits are available for a fee of \$100.00 per scooter or motorcycle for Miami Beach residents who are registered with the State of Florida as the scooter or motorcycle owner. The permit will be honored at all designated scooter and motorcycle municipal metered parking spaces.

Currently, the incentive allotting 500 citywide parking permits at \$100, annually (see No. 3 above) has been triggered. In the interim, a waiting list has been established and if the number of users drops below 500 (currently at 503 as of January 2, 2018), those on the waiting list will be able to participate, accordingly.

The Administration is seeking direction regarding: (1) increasing the allotment beyond 500 citywide parking permits in order to continue providing this incentive; (2) if approved, establishing new thresholds triggering future reviews and adjustments; and (3) potentially increase the annual citywide parking permit fee.

CONCLUSION

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