

ORDINANCE NO. _____

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," BY AMENDING ARTICLE III, ENTITLED "AGENCIES, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES," BY AMENDING DIVISION 14, ENTITLED "RESERVED," TO CREATE A NEXT GENERATION COUNCIL AND AMENDING SECTIONS 2-176 – 2-179 THEREOF, ENTITLED "RESERVED," TO ESTABLISH AND SET FORTH THE PURPOSE, POWERS, DUTIES, COMPOSITION, AND SUPPORTING DEPARTMENT FOR THE NEXT GENERATION COUNCIL; AND PROVIDING FOR REPEALER, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the term "millennials" refers to individuals born in the early 1980s through the early 2000s who are currently between the ages of 18 and 36; and

WHEREAS, many millennials residing in the City of Miami Beach ("City") face financial, career, and housing difficulties, leading some to relocate and start their careers elsewhere; and

WHEREAS, millennials are the long-term stakeholders of the decisions made today and should have a more prominent voice in such decisions that will shape the City's future; and

WHEREAS, millennials display use patterns of social media platforms and interact with government in ways different from other generations, which should be considered; and

WHEREAS, millennials have their own set of preferences for ideal methods of transportation; and

WHEREAS, millennials place a high value on sustaining the future of our planet and protecting the City against rising seas; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2016 County Prosperity Initiatives Feasibility Study conducted by the Florida International University ("FIU") Metropolitan Center, Miami-Dade County is the third most unaffordable housing market in the nation, with approximately 62 percent being cost-burdened renters, which are defined as those paying 30 percent or more of their annual income for housing; and

WHEREAS, despite the high cost of rent, millennials are reluctant to purchase a home out of fear of housing market fluctuations, lack of financing to place a down payment, insufficient credit, and the high expense of purchasing and maintaining a home; and

WHEREAS, when the cost of transportation is factored into the cost of housing, millennials and others alike are even more severely burdened; and

WHEREAS, it is vital to create incentives in employment, housing, and transportation in order to increase the possibility of the City's millennials and, in the future, those persons between the ages of 18 and 36, applying and investing their knowledge, skills, and talents to benefit the City, and the South Florida area, rather than other areas; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a Next Generation Council in the City will provide a helpful compliment to the decision-making process of the Mayor and City Commissioners which will take into account the needs of and benefits afforded by persons between the ages of 18 and 36 in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. That Sections 2-176 -- 2-179 of Article III of Chapter 2 of the Code of the City of Miami Beach, Florida is hereby amended as follows:

CHAPTER 2
ADMINISTRATION

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ARTICLE III. AGENCIES, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

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Division 14. Reserved Next Generation Council

Sec. 2-176. ~~Reserved.~~ Established; purpose.

There is hereby created the Next Generation Council which is an advisory board of the City. The purpose of the Next Generation Council is to provide persons between the ages of 18 and 36 in Miami Beach with a vehicle to participate in City government, represent and articulate the needs of the City's next generation, provide recommendations to the Mayor and City Commissioners on issues and programs affecting the 18-36 year old population in the City, and to recommend strategies to attract and retain such persons in the City and to assist persons between the ages of 18 and 36 with, among other things, housing, career, and transportation opportunities or incentives.

Sec. 2-177. Powers and duties.

The Next Generation Council shall have the following powers and duties:

- (a) Serve in an advisory capacity to the Mayor and City Commission concerning issues and programs affecting the City's 18 to 36 year old population with regard to, among other things, housing, career opportunities, and transportation;

- (b) Foster increased involvement by the City's 18-36 year old population in the affairs of City government;
- (c) Research, discuss, and formulate recommendations on issues, activities, and concerns of persons 18 to 36 years old in the City;
- (d) Comment upon existing or proposed legislation, ordinances, resolutions, and policies that impact persons 18 to 36 years old in the City;
- (e) Meet no more than once quarterly.

Sec. 2-178. Composition.

- (a) The Next Generation Council shall be composed of eleven (11) voting members.
- (b) Members must be eighteen (18) years through thirty-six (36) years of age at the time of appointment, must have proven involvement in Miami Beach or South Florida community-based organizations, and must demonstrate a high degree of interest in or have a background in community-based activity in one of the following areas: transportation, sea level rise, affordable housing, entrepreneurship, or technology. Council members shall be selected as follows:
 - 1. Seven (7) at-large appointments shall be made by the Mayor and City Commission.
 - 2. Three (3) additional at-large appointments shall be made by the Mayor and City Commission as follows:
 - a) One member must be a business owner in the City;
 - b) One member must be a licensed and actively practicing in the field of real estate;
 - c) One member must be a licensed and actively practicing in the field of architecture or engineering;
 - 3. A member of the Millennial Action Council of the Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce shall be selected by the Chamber's Executive Board of Governors.
- (c) The term of office for each member shall be one (1) year. Members may be appointed for one (1) subsequent one-year term; provided, however, that no member shall serve on or after his/her thirty-seventh (37th) birthday. In addition, board member terms shall automatically expire upon the latter of December 31 of the year the appointing City Commission member leaves office or upon the appointment/election of the successor City Commission member.

- (d) Council members shall annually elect a member as chairperson, and other officers it deems necessary. A vote of a majority of the members shall be required to constitute action taken by the Council.

Sec. 2-179. Supporting department.

The supporting department for the Next Generation Council shall be the Office of the Mayor and City Commission.

SECTION 2. REPEALER.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.

If any section, subsection, clause or provision of this Ordinance is held invalid, the remainder shall not be affected by such invalidity.

SECTION 4. CODIFICATION.

It is the intention of the Mayor and City Commission of the City of Miami Beach, and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this ordinance shall become and be made part of the Miami Beach City Code. The sections of this ordinance may be renumbered or relettered to accomplish such intention, and the word "ordinance" may be changed to "section," "article," or other appropriate word.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall take effect on the _____ day of _____, 2018.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2018.

ATTEST:

Dan Gelber, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

Underline denotes additions
~~Strikethrough~~ denotes deletions

(Sponsored by Commissioner Ricky Arriola)

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION

Rafael E. Granado 6/11/18
City Attorney Date