

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT TO PAINT LINES ON UP TO TEN TENNIS COURTS AT CITY PARKS THAT WOULD ALLOW FOR BOTH TENNIS AND PICKLEBALL PLAY.

WHEREAS, pickleball is a racket sport that combines elements of badminton, table tennis, and tennis on a court with players using paddles and a polymer ball similar to a wiffle ball; and

WHEREAS, pickleball has experienced tremendous growth in the last five years, and the ease of play, and its low impact on joints, has made it popular for groups of all ages and skill sets; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 Sports & Fitness Industry Association's ("SFIA"), Sports, Fitness and Leisure Activities Topline Participation Report estimates there are 4.2 million pickleball players nationwide, and participation increased by 21% from 2019 to 2020, with a five-year average annual growth rate of 11%; and

WHEREAS, these trends make it the fastest growing racket sport in the country; and

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Beach ("City") has experienced significant pickleball participation growth over the past few years; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Department ("Department") receives numerous requests per month for additional courts and is in regular contact with a Miami Beach pickleball advocacy group which has more than 150 members; and

WHEREAS, additionally, the Department is working closely with the USA Pickleball Ambassador, Lily Azel, in promoting and expanding the sport of pickleball within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City, like many others across the country, has met this exponential growth by retrofitting existing tennis and indoor recreational facilities into multi-purpose courts to accommodate pickleball; and

WHEREAS, currently, there are five convertible outdoor tennis/pickleball courts at four facilities throughout the City: Fairway Park (2), Polo Park (1), Normandy Shores Park (1) and Miami Beach Golf Club (1); and

WHEREAS, in order to meet the immediate needs of both tennis and pickleball players within the City, the Department is recommending for existing outdoor community tennis courts to be striped to allow both racquet sports to be played, until such time when dedicated pickleball courts may be constructed (Exhibit A); and

WHEREAS, this would create an opportunity for our residents to enjoy the racquet sport of their choice at their neighborhood courts:

Existing Neighborhood Tennis Courts (15):

- Fairway Park – 2

- Miami Beach Golf Club – 2
- Normandy Shores Park – 4
- Palm Island Park – 3
- Polo Park – 4; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the City's 5 convertible outdoor tennis/pickleball courts, the Department recommends lining up to ten additional outdoor community tennis courts for both tennis and pickleball, and has identified funding in their current budget to do so; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Department has identified funds in their current FY 2021-2022 budget to complete this project; and

WHEREAS, an estimated maximum of 10 tennis courts may be restriped, at an average cost of \$1,000 each; and

WHEREAS, the total projected maximum cost impact is \$10,000; and

WHEREAS, if additional funding is necessary, a referral to the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee will be required.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, that the Mayor and City Commission hereby authorizing the Parks and Recreation Department to pain lines on up to ten tennis courts at City parks that would allow for both tennis and pickleball play.


PASSED and ADOPTED this 9th day of March 2022.

ATTEST:

Dan Gelber, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney *FA*

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Date