

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 32, ENTITLED "LGBTQIA+ ADVISORY COMMITTEE," BY AMENDING SECTION 2-190.145, ENTITLED "POWERS AND DUTIES" BY CODIFYING THE ANNUAL PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF CITY'S DATA AND INFORMATION TO BE SCORED BY THE HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN'S MUNICIPAL EQUALITY INDEX AS PART OF THE COMMITTEE'S OFFICIAL POWERS AND DUTIES; AND PROVIDING FOR REPEALER, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Human Rights Campaign's Municipal Equality Index ("MEI") examines how inclusive municipal laws, policies, and services are of LGBTQ+ people who live and work in the municipality; and

WHEREAS, cities are rated based on non-discrimination laws, the municipality as an employer, municipal services, law enforcement and leadership on LGBTQ+ equality; and

WHEREAS, there are currently 506 cities that are automatically rated each year by the HRC; and

WHEREAS, traditionally, the City's LGBTQIA+ Advisory Committee prepared the relevant documentation with the assistance of City administration, and submitted it to the MEI Team for scoring; and

WHEREAS, a city that desires to have its laws and policies assessed according to MEI standards can send an email to the MEI Team with all of the relevant documentation needed to justify credit for each criterion; and

WHEREAS, as part of the LGBTQIA+ Committee's official powers and duties, the Mayor and City Commission desire to codify the annual preparation and submission of City's data and information to the MEI team for the purpose of scoring the City on its leadership on LGBTQ+ equality.

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

SECTION 1. That Section 2-190.145 of Chapter 2 of the City Code is hereby amended as follows:

Chapter 2

ADMINISTRATION

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ARTICLE III. BOARDS, AGENCIES, AND COMMITTEES

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DIVISION 32. LGBTQIA+ ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Section 2-190.145. Powers and duties.

The committee shall make advisory recommendations to the city commission and the city manager on initiatives to be implemented and supported by the city regarding a variety of issues to ensure the well-being and quality of life of the Miami Beach LGBTQIA+ Community. The committee shall annually compile and submit, in a timely manner, with the assistance of the staff liaison, city data and information to be scored by the human rights campaign's ("HRC") municipal equality index ("MEI") on the city's non-discrimination laws, policies, and services. The committee shall also make recommendations to the city commission and the city manager regarding any new or amended laws, ordinances, or policies that may need to be enacted in order to receive all possible points on the MEI each year.

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SECTION 2. REPEALER.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith 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 Code of the City of Miami Beach, Florida. The sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or re-lettered 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 _____, 202__.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 202__.

ATTEST:

Steven Meiner, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(Sponsored by Commissioner Alex J. Fernandez)

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION

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City Attorney

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Date

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