

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED UNDER THE CITY CODE AND CITY CHARTER, TO PUBLISH THE CITY'S LEGALLY REQUIRED ADVERTISEMENTS AND PUBLIC NOTICES ON MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S APPROVED WEBSITE FOR ONLINE NOTICES, A "PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE WEBSITE" PURSUANT TO SECTION 50.0311 OF THE FLORIDA STATUTES, WITH THE FOREGOING TO BE IMPLEMENTED AS SOON AS THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY WEBSITE FOR ONLINE NOTICES IS OPERATIONAL, IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE COST SAVINGS RELATING TO THE CITY'S PUBLICATION OF LEGAL NOTICES IN THE MIAMI HERALD OR OTHER NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION.**

**WHEREAS**, Section 50.0311, Florida Statute, authorizes the use of publicly accessible websites hosted by counties as an alternative means of publishing notices and advertisements otherwise required to be published in newspapers of general circulation; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County has been working with a County vendor to allow for the different municipalities to advertise in one central location on the County website accessible via the internet for purpose of publication of legal notices and advertisements; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost of publishing legally required advertisements and public notices on the County's publicly accessible website is anticipated to be significantly less than the cost of publishing advertisements and public notices in a newspaper; and

**WHEREAS**, the Office of the City Clerk has spent the following sums advertising public notices in the Miami Herald: \$66,943 for FY 20/21, \$89,931 for FY 21/22, and FY \$105,338 for FY 22/23; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 7, 2024, the Miami Herald notified the City of an increase in advertisement costs, as follows:

SIZE	OLD PRICE	NEW PRICE	PERCENTAGE INCREASE
¼ Page	\$290 / Daily	\$320 / Daily	10.34%
½ Page	\$460 / Daily	\$515 / Daily	11.96%
Full Page	\$735 / Daily	\$825 / Daily	12.24%

**WHEREAS**, the County is implementing the new program with the County's vendor, and anticipates that the website will be publicly available by March 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the County's estimated price per online notice is anticipated to be under \$50, which will result in significant savings for the City; and

**WHEREAS**, residents within the City have sufficient access to the internet, such that publication of City notices on the County's publicly accessible website will not unreasonably restrict public access; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Commission find that allowing an alternative option of publishing City's legal notices and advertisements online is in the public's best interest.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA**, that the Mayor and City Commission hereby direct the City Clerk, to the fullest extent permitted under the City Code and City Charter, to publish the City's legally required advertisements and public notices on Miami-Dade County's approved website for online notices, a "publicly accessible website" pursuant to Section 50.0311 of the Florida Statutes, with the foregoing to be implemented as soon as the Miami-Dade County website for online notices is operational, in order to achieve cost savings relating to the City's publication of legal notices in the Miami Herald or other newspaper of general circulation.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

**ATTEST:**

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Steven Meiner, Mayor

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Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(sponsored by Commissioner David Suarez)

APPROVED AS TO  
FORM & LANGUAGE  
& FOR EXECUTION



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City Attorney

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Date