

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-31823

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA CALLING FOR A NOVEMBER 2, 2021 CITY OF MIAMI BEACH SPECIAL ELECTION, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORATE OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA A NON-BINDING STRAW BALLOT QUESTION ASKING THE ELECTORATE WHETHER THEY WOULD SUPPORT THE CITY COMMISSION ADOPTING A RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO AMEND SECTION 212.0306, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO ALLOW FOR THE COLLECTION OF A ONE PERCENT HOMELESS AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TAX WITHIN THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH TO ASSIST HOMELESS PERSONS, AND THOSE AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS, AND VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH:

SECTION 1.

In accordance with provisions of the Charter of the City of Miami Beach, Florida and the general laws of the State of Florida, a Special Election is hereby called and directed to be held in the City of Miami Beach, Florida, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 2, 2021, for the purpose of submitting to the electorate the non-binding, straw ballot question as set forth hereinafter.

SECTION 2.

That the appropriate and proper Miami-Dade County election officials shall conduct the said Special Election hereby called, with acceptance of the certification of the results of said Special Election to be performed by the City Commission. The official returns for each precinct shall be furnished to the City Clerk of the City of Miami Beach as soon as the ballots from all precincts have been tabulated.

SECTION 3.

That the said voting precincts in the City of said Special Election shall be as established by the proper and appropriate Miami-Dade County Election Officials. All electors shall vote at the polling places and the voting precincts as determined by the Miami-Dade County Election Officials.¹

¹ Pursuant to City Code section 38-3(b): "The City Clerk shall further publish, in a newspaper meeting the requirements set forth in Florida Statute § 50.031 and on the City's website, the polling places for the election twice, once in the third week and once in the first week prior to the

SECTION 4.

Not less than thirty days' notice of the adoption of this Resolution and of its provisions calling this Special Election shall be given by publication in the Miami Herald, a newspaper of general circulation in Miami Beach, Miami-Dade County, Florida. Such publication shall be made in accordance with the provisions of Section 100.342, Florida Statutes, and Section 38-3 of the Code of the City of Miami Beach.

SECTION 5.

The Notice of Election shall be substantially in the following form:

THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A SPECIAL ELECTION HAS BEEN CALLED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AND WILL BE HELD IN SAID CITY FROM 7:00 A.M. UNTIL 7:00 P.M. ON THE 2nd DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2021, AT WHICH TIME THERE SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE DULY REGISTERED AND QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH THE FOLLOWING NON-BINDING STRAW BALLOT QUESTION:

Non-Binding, Straw Ballot Question:
Urge Legislature: 1% tax
for Homeless Assistance/Domestic Violence Centers

Would you support the City Commission adopting a Resolution urging the Florida Legislature to amend Section 212.0306, Florida Statutes, to allow for collection of a one percent (1%) tax on food and beverage sales for consumption on premises in the City of Miami Beach, which would not apply to hotels and motels, in order to assist homeless persons and those at risk of homelessness, and for the construction and operation of domestic violence centers?

Yes _____
No _____

Said Notice shall further set forth pertinent information regarding eligibility of electors to participate in said elections.

SECTION 6.

That the official ballot to be used in the Special Election to be held on November 2, 2021, hereby called, shall be in substantially the following form, to-wit:

“OFFICIAL BALLOT”

Non-Binding, Straw Ballot Question:
Urge Legislature: 1% tax
for Homeless Assistance/Domestic Violence Centers

Would you support the City Commission adopting a Resolution urging the Florida Legislature to amend Section 212.0306, Florida Statutes, to allow for collection of a one percent (1%) tax on food and beverage sales for consumption on premises in the City of Miami Beach, which would not apply to hotels and motels, in order to assist homeless persons and those at risk of homelessness, and for the construction and operation of domestic violence centers?

Yes _____
No _____

SECTION 7.

The form of the ballots to be used in this Special Election and their preparation shall be in compliance with all statutory requirements relating to the use of mechanical or other approved voting machines or devices.

SECTION 8.

Registration of persons desiring to vote in the Special Election shall be in accordance with the general law of the State of Florida governing voter registration. Qualified persons may obtain registration forms to vote at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 1700 Convention Center Drive, First Floor, Miami Beach, Florida 33139, during normal business hours, and at such other voter registration centers and during such times as may be provided by the Supervisor of Elections of Miami-Dade County. The Miami-Dade County Supervisor of Elections will register voters for this Special Election until 5:00 p.m. on October 4, 2021. All persons eligible to vote at this Special Election must be registered before the time and date set forth herein or have registered previously, as provided by law. Each person desiring to become a registered voter shall be responsible for properly filling out the registration form and returning it to the Miami-Dade County Elections Department. All questions concerning voter registration should be directed to the Miami-Dade County Elections Department, 2700 N.W. 87th Avenue, Miami, Florida 33172; Telephone: (305) 499-VOTE (8683).

SECTION 9.

That voters participating via a Vote-by-Mail ballot in said Special Election shall be entitled to cast their ballots in accordance with the provisions of the Laws of the State of Florida with respect to such voting. All questions concerning Vote-by-Mail ballots should be directed to the Miami-Dade County Elections Department, 2700 N.W. 87" Avenue, Miami, Florida 33172; Telephone: (305) 499-VOTE (8683).

SECTION 10.

That the City of Miami Beach shall pay all expenses for conducting this Special Election and will pay to Miami-Dade County or directly to all persons or firms, upon receipt of invoice or statement approved by the Supervisor of Elections of Miami-Dade County, Florida.

SECTION 11.

If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution or of the ballot measure set forth above in this Resolution is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, then said holding shall in no way affect the validity of the remaining portions of said Resolution or ballot measure.

SECTION 12.

This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 28 day of July, 2021.

ATTEST:

RA 8/3/2021
RAFAEL E. GRANADO
CITY CLERK

[Signature]
DAN GELBER
MAYOR
**APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION**

[Signature] 7-28-21
City Attorney PAZ Date

(Sponsored by City Commissioner Ricky Arriola)



MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission
FROM: Rafael Paz, Acting City Attorney
DATE: July 28, 2021

SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO AMEND SECTION 212.0306 OF THE FLORIDA STATUTES, TO ALLOW FOR THE COLLECTION OF A ONE PERCENT HOMELESS AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TAX WITHIN THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH TO ASSIST HOMELESS PERSONS, THOSE AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS, AND VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

ANALYSIS

The attached Resolution was prepared at the request of Vice-Mayor Ricky Arriola, the sponsor of this item, for consideration at the July 28, 2021 City Commission meeting.

SUPPORTING SURVEY DATA

N/A

Applicable Area

Citywide

Is this a "Residents Right to Know" item, pursuant to City Code Section 2-14?

No

Does this item utilize G.O. Bond Funds?

No

Legislative Tracking

Office of the City Attorney

Sponsor

Vice-Mayor Ricky Arriola

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

- Resolution