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Miami Beach Encourages Residents and Businesses to Take the Right Steps Toward Building Safety

— *With Newly Simplified Permitting Process and a Community Meeting Series* —

Miami Beach, FL – Obtaining a building permit with the City of Miami Beach is now simpler than ever. To encourage safe building throughout the urban island, the City has streamlined its permitting process, including reclassifying permit types, adopting new permit exemptions and launching a reprieve program – better serving residents of single-family homes and condominiums.

“Safety and service are our top priorities,” noted City Manager Jimmy L. Morales. “I have no doubt that these initiatives will be key in uniting residents, contractors and City staff toward the advancement of both, and keep current and future projects working at the highest efficiency.”

Ensuring compliance under the Florida Building Code, the City recently launched a year-long Building Permit Reprieve Program, which allows a property owner to only be assessed fees associated with new permits or the reissuance of permits.

“When it comes to transferring the title of a property, it’s possible for the new homeowner to be unaware of unpermitted work and left to clean up permitting issues – sometimes facing double or triple permit fees,” explained Building Director Ana Salgueiro. “With this in mind, the reprieve program exempts participants from costs associated with work performed without permits or inspections – thus, eliminating the fear of fees, allowing these property owners to come forward and safely bringing many of these properties up to compliance.”

To assist in the education of the new initiatives, the City will be hosting a series of community meetings for both residents and business to attend.

The workshop dates and locations will be as follows:

- **Resident Public Workshop**
Wednesday, October 24, 2018 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
City Hall (Third Floor Commission Chambers)
1700 Convention Center Drive

- **Business Public Workshop**
Tuesday, November 27, 2018 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
City Hall (Third Floor Commission Chambers)
1700 Convention Center Drive
- **Resident Public Workshop**
Tuesday, February 26, 2019 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
North Shore Park & Youth Center
501 72 Street (Community Room)

For more information on the newly simplified permitting process or to apply for the reprieve program, [click here.](#)

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