

## We Advocate for Residents of Miami Beach!

We are a community-based 501(c)4 not-for-profit organization providing Miami Beach residents a cohesive voice for city-wide issues that impact our quality of life. Click here to [join us!](#)



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Commission meetings start at 9 a.m. at the Commission Chambers on the 3rd floor of City Hall. There is a Sutnick Hour, at which residents may address the Commission on any subject, from 8:30-9, and 1:-1:30.

## January 15, 2020: These are Miami Beach United's Resolutions:

Amendment requiring off-duty officer from 12 A.M until 30 minutes past closing on Saturdays and Sundays; and during holiday weekends or City-Sponsored events, on Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays at certain establishments on Ocean Drive.

### Agenda Item R5-A

#### Executive summary:

This proposal is intended to help curtail unlawful behavior on Ocean Drive that typically takes place during late night and early morning hours, particularly during high-impact events and weekends, and which compromises resident and visitor safety and quality of life.

#### Why It Matters

- This ordinance attempts to address public safety concerns and implements security measures that should help to keep visitors and residents safer.
- We encourage the City to expand this effort to include Fridays, as well.

**Miami Beach United SUPPORTS** this resolution.

Read the MBU Resolution in its entirety by clicking [HERE](#)  
Read the Commission documents by clicking [HERE](#)

Amendment regarding parking requirements for residential, hotel, non-residential  
and accessory uses located within HISTORIC DISTRICTS, HISTORIC SITES AND  
CONSERVATION DISTRICTS .

**Agenda Item R5-K**

**Executive summary:**

This proposed amendment seeks to apply a one-size-fits-all ordinance that negatively impacts parking conditions for current residents who already face parking shortages. Furthermore, we feel that a wholesale elimination of parking requirements would incentivize over-development in those districts, negatively impacting quality of life.

**Why It Matters**

- This is a one-size-fits-all ordinance that slashes parking requirements associated with new construction of residential and hotel units located within a local historic district, historic site, or conservation district (north of 5th Street and south of 24th Street, as well as north of 63rd Street).
- We understand that each neighborhood on Miami Beach is unique, with different intensities of existing construction and different tolerances for substantial new construction.
- Each neighborhood should be individually analyzed, and appropriate parking requirements for each neighborhood should be tailored to the needs of the specific neighborhood.
- A wholesale elimination of parking requirements for lots with a width of 100 feet or less and for properties located within 1,500 feet of a public transit stop, or within 1,500 feet of any public or private parking garage, would result in an enormous intensification of development and traffic throughout the historic districts, and would negatively affect the quality of life in those neighborhoods.

**Miami Beach United OPPOSES** this resolution.

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Historic Preservation Review Of GU Height Waivers

**Agenda Item R5-L**

**Executive summary:**

This ordinance seeks to modify the review procedures for waivers of height requirements on lots with a GU (Government Use) Zoning Designation.

**Why It Matters**

- The ordinance does not allow the Historic Preservation Board decision on a height waiver for a GU parcel in a historic district to be binding on the government entity which owns the property.
- We believe **ALL** government projects on GU parcels should be held to the same standards and requirements as projects on non-government properties in the surrounding zoning districts.

**Miami Beach United OPPOSES** this resolution.

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**Executive summary:**

This ordinance seeks to clarify the definition of FAR which has been and continues to be an important component of the City's building and land development regulations for the past 40 years, and which the unprecedented Board of Adjustment ruling at the end of 2019 sought to undo..

**Why It Matters**

- This zoning amendment is needed to respond to the misguided decision by the Board of Adjustment (BOA), which overturned more than 40 years of precedent, that these items not be included in calculating allowable FAR.
- If allowed to stand, the BOA's new interpretation of FAR would result in an enormous cumulative increase in FAR for all building projects in the City.
- Under the City's Charter, this or any increase in the intensity of development by adding to previously allowable FAR, should only be permitted if approved by voters.
- Furthermore, the City should take all necessary steps, including seeking action by a court of law, to prevent the BOA's interpretation of FAR triggered by the 500-700 Alton Road project from applying to any additional projects.

**Miami Beach United strongly SUPPORTS** this resolution.

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(Please note that at the time of the resolutions' drafting and adoption, the 2019 board was still in effect, as noted on each resolution document. However, at the time of drafting this newsletter, the 2020 board has been sworn in, as of 1/13/20.)





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Dedicated to improving the quality of life for Miami Beach residents, managed and measured growth of our city, and ethical leadership of government – for a vibrant city rooted in history, its people, resources and neighborhoods, with focus on the future – by providing educational and analytical focus on the organization, structure, policies and performance of Miami Beach government. **We share our newsletters with over 8000 subscribers, 75% of whom are registered Miami Beach voters.**