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ONE MORE RESOLUTION THAT MIGHT INTEREST YOU REGARDING TOWING - SEE IT HIGHLIGHTED IN RED BELOW! (PUBLISHED IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA LAST NIGHT)

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!](#)



We hope all of you, our neighbors, friends, colleagues and greater community, are staying safe and are #stayinghome. We know that there is untold hardship for far too many with this silent stealthy disease, which is wreaking havoc on lives in every possible way - health, emotional well-being, financial survival. We commend all for taking the necessary precautions, and for toeing the line when it goes against the very nature of this city, to stay apart and keep our heads down. However, the faster we get through this, the more we learn, and the quicker we can adapt, adjust, rebuild and soar to greater heights, together. The City of Miami Beach has been doing a remarkable job of communicating. If you haven't already signed up for the City's CORONAVIRUS direct emails, or text alerts to your phone, you can do so [via this link](#) on the City's website. On behalf of the entire Board...stay safe. Stay home. See you on the flip side!

Commission Meeting



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Wednesday, November 18, 2020
8:30 a.m.



To watch the meeting live, it can be streamed via Facebook Live (www.facebook.com/cityofmiamibeach) or watched on MBTV channel 660 on Atlantic Broadband or channel 99 on AT&T U-Verse.

The city is following CDC recommended safety guidelines to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

In-Person Public Participation Members of the public who do not have access to a computer and wish to provide public comment at the Commission meeting, may appear in-person at Miami Beach City Hall, First Floor Conference Room, 1700 Convention Center Drive, Miami Beach, FL 33139. At this location, members of the public will be provided access to a computer to provide public comment (only in audio form) on an agenda item and/or at the Dr. Stanley Sutnick's Citizen Forum from 8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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Please click the "raise hand" button on the screen to raise your hand as soon as the item is called. This will pull you to the top of the list and make it easier for the team to find you in the list of attendees.

Commission meetings start at 9 a.m. at the Commission Chambers.
There is a Sutnick Hour, at which residents may address the Commission on any subject, from 8:30-9:00 a.m.

Want to read the proposed Commission agenda items and get info about the Commission meeting on Wednesday? Click [here](#).

Want to contact your elected officials directly? Click [here](#).

Commission Meeting November 18, 2020

These are Miami Beach United's Resolutions

EXPANDED CONTROLS ON MORE TYPES OF MOTORIZED VEHICLES

R5A and R5B

Executive Summary:

This resolution seeks to impose further restrictions on moped, motorcycle and motorized bicycle rentals by requiring the installation of an emergency power off (EPO) device onto each vehicle as well as to prohibit the rental of certain identifiable vehicles.

Why It Matters:

- The proliferation of rental mopeds exacerbates the out-of-control situation on Ocean Drive and beyond.
- Safeguards already enacted have failed to curtail this behavior and so more restrictions and enforcement are needed.

Miami Beach United **SUPPORTS** this resolution.

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

Read the Commission documents by clicking [HERE](#) and [HERE](#)

MINIMUM FLOOD ELEVATION REQUIREMENTS FOR NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS

R5D

Executive Summary:

This resolution seeks to modify the definition of "height of building" in an effort to increase resiliency to sea-level rise in order to avoid the need for major alterations in the future. It would apply only to commercial structures and to their construction, repair or rehabilitation.

Why It Matters:

- The South Florida Climate impact study release in 2019 indicates that sea levels are rising at a faster rate than predicted.
- It's important to apply flood resiliency to all existing and new construction, repair and rehabilitation to avoid costly redos in the future.

Miami Beach United **SUPPORTS** this resolution.

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

Read the Commission documents by clicking [HERE](#)

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND LDR AMENDMENT FOR SUNSET HARBOR

R5J and R5K

Executive Summary:

These two amendments aim to establish specific policies that foster the preservation and unique character of this Miami Beach neighborhood by limiting the types of entertainment and commercial uses to those that contribute to its original character. Miami Beach United recommends that the same approach be applied to ALL neighborhood development and enhancement projects throughout our City.

Why It Matters:

- Our neighborhoods lose their character when they are allowed to be taken over by large retailers.
- These initiatives help to preserve the unique character of our neighborhoods.
- This process ensures that residents have a say in the changes that affect their quality of life and property values.

Miami Beach United **SUPPORTS** this resolution.

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

Read the Commission documents by clicking [HERE](#) and [HERE](#)

CIVIL PENALTIES FOR DEMOLITION BY NEGLIGENCE**R7M****Executive Summary:**

This resolution seeks to penalize delinquent property owners who ignore court-ordered remedies to effectuate demolition by neglect on their properties. This behavior, when left unchecked, serves as a roadmap for other owners of historic properties to follow in seeking to rid themselves of problematic structures.

Why It Matters:

- The preservation of our historic structures is critical to our future.
- Owners need to be held accountable for maintaining their properties in accordance with the law.
- Failure to hold these owners accountable leads to substantial economic damages through the loss of resort tax income.

Miami Beach United **SUPPORTS** this resolution.

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

Read the Commission Documents by Clicking [HERE](#)

**DEVELOP A COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION FOR
THE ISSUANCE OF TOWING PERMITS****R7O****Executive Summary:**

In response to a proposal submitted by MBU on this topic in October 2020, this resolution seeks to create a new RFP for a competitive bid to handle the towing functions within the City of Miami Beach.

Why It Matters:

- The current towing contracts have been in place without competitive bid since at least 1996, and are currently being renewed from month to month.
- Residents and visitors have for years been complaining about unfair, expensive, and opaque practices by the towing companies.
- This process seeks to improve transparency and customer service to residents and visitors, and to better serve the needs of the City.
- The City seeks to incorporate resident input into this process.

Miami Beach United **SUPPORTS** this resolution.

Read the MBU Resolution in its entirety by clicking [HERE](#) and the original proposal submitted on this topic by MBU [HERE](#).

Read the Commission Documents by clicking [HERE](#)

HEIGHT INCREASES TO INCENTIVIZE OFFICE USES

R9S

Executive Summary:

This proposed ordinance would incentivize office use by requiring that only .45 FAR of the structure be deemed for office use; leaving the majority of the total square footage to be used for OTHER uses. Currently the determining factor is the overall square footage and not the FAR. This ordinance loosens the qualifying restrictions and allows for abuses by developers.

Why It Matters:

- As currently proposed this ordinance would allow for abuse by developers
- At a bare minimum, at least 50% of the square footage of any new building constructed which takes advantage of this ordinance should be designated for office use only.
- It seems out of touch to incentivize NEW CONSTRUCTION of office area given the current state of our economy and the COVID19 epidemic.

Miami Beach United **OPPOSES** this resolution.

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