

Resolution of the Climate Resilience Committee recommending the following change to the city code. Per section 2-1275(c), “[a]ny resolution of the committee recommending changes to city policy to the city commission shall be placed on the next feasible city commission agenda as a discussion item.” All recommendations are contingent upon commission discussion and approval.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MIAMI CLIMATE RESILIENCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDING TO THE MIAMI COMMISSION AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2/ARTICLE XI/DIVISION 18/SECTION 2-1272 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MIAMI, FLORIDA, AS AMENDED, TO ALLOW FOR YOUTH SEATS TO BE FILLED BY A MEMBER WHO LIVES, WORKS, OR IS ENROLLED AT AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION WITHIN THE CITY OF MIAMI.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2-1271 of the Code of the City of Miami, Florida, as amended, (“City Code”) the one of the duties of the Climate Resilience Committee (“CRC”) is to recommend changes to the City Code and policies necessary to help the City, its residents, businesses, institutions, and natural systems adapt to, prepare for, and thrive in the various stresses related to climate change, including but not limited to emissions of greenhouse gases, increasing flood risks, increasing groundwater levels, more intense storms resulting in high tides and storm surges, increasing high heat days, salt water intrusion, drought, extreme weather events, and water and vector-borne illnesses; and

WHEREAS, the CRC further has the responsibility to review and evaluate issues related to the use, disposition, and/or development of City-owned waterfront property and shall provide advice to the City Commission concerning those issues and such other matters as are referred to it by the City Commission in regard to City or public land abutting water; and

WHEREAS, the current membership of the CRC consists of nine (9) individuals with various expertise, including climatology, coastal management, oceanography, community and real estate development, emergency management, infrastructure, economics, and advocacy for vulnerable low-income communities; and

WHEREAS, increased youth membership and participation around the CRC is important for inclusion and securing a resilient city of the future; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that the youth population is engaged in formal political processes related to climate resilience; and

WHEREAS, the City Code was recently amended to include two (2) youth members on the CRC; and

WHEREAS, youth membership on the CRC is currently limited to youth that live within the City of Miami (“City”), which limits the number of eligible candidates; and

WHEREAS, allowing membership for youth who live, work, or attend school within the City aligns with the criteria for membership for other committee seats and would increase the number of eligible candidates; and

WHEREAS, the City is the largest municipality in Miami-Dade County, with major implications on climate resilience within the remainder of the County; and

WHEREAS, the CRC finds that it is in the best interest of the City and its residents to recommend to the City Commission an ordinance amending Section 2-1272 of the City Code to allow the youth members of the CRC be City residents or work or attend an educational institution within the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CLIMATE RESILIENCE COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF MIAMI, FLORIDA:

Section 1. The recitals and findings contained in the Preamble to this Resolution are adopted by reference and incorporated as if fully set forth in this Section.

Section 2. The Climate Resilience Committee (“CRC”) recommends to the City Commission to instruct the City Manager to prepare an amendment to the City Code to allow the youth members of the CRC be City residents or work or attend an educational institution within the City. The CRC recommends the below text changes in Section 2-1272 of the City Code to be considered:¹

"CHAPTER 2

ADMINISTRATION

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ARTICLE XI. BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS

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DIVISION 18. CLIMATE RESILIENCE COMMITTEE

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Sec. 2-1272. - Composition; appointment and terms of office of members; filling of vacancies.

Members of the committee formerly known as the sea level rise committee serving at the time of the establishment of the committee shall be appointed to serve as members of the committee subject to the terms contained herein.

- (a) *Composition and qualifications.* The committee shall consist of nine voting members who shall be city residents, work in the city, own a business in the city, or own real property in the city. All voting members shall be invested in the city and serve without compensation. In addition:
- (1) At least one member shall possess an expertise in civil engineering or architecture with a focus on infrastructure;
 - (2) At least one member shall possess an expertise in community and real estate development;
 - (3) At least one member shall possess an expertise in one or more of the following areas: climatology, geophysics, coastal management, oceanography, or coastal ocean science;
 - (4) At least one member shall possess an expertise in emergency management;

¹ It is recommended that the words and/or figures stricken through be deleted, the underscored words and/or figures be added, and the remaining provisions remain unchanged. Asterisks indicate omitted and unchanged material.

- (5) At least one member shall possess an expertise in economics; and
- (6) At least one member shall possess an expertise in advocating for vulnerable low-income communities.
- (7) At least two (2) members shall be eighteen to twenty-five (18 – 25) years of age and possess a strong interest in and background or education in climate resilience including but not limited to impacts on infrastructure, water supply and quality, ecosystem health, housing, socioeconomics, or advocacy for vulnerable low-income communities. Members appointed pursuant to this subsection may, but are not required to, satisfy one of the above categories. Notwithstanding any language to the contrary, the members appointed pursuant to this subsection shall be City residents, or work or attend an educational institution within the City.

(b) *Appointment of voting members.* The nine members shall be appointed to the committee as follows:

- (1) Each of the five city commissioners shall appoint one voting member to be ratified by majority vote of the city commission;
- (2) The mayor shall appoint one voting member to be ratified by majority vote of the city commission;
- (3) The city manager shall appoint one voting member to be ratified by majority vote of the city commission;
- (4) The city commission at-large shall appoint two members; and
- (5) No alternates shall be appointed.

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Section 3. If any section, part of a section, paragraph, clause, phrase, or word of this Resolution is declared invalid, the remaining provisions of this Ordinance shall not be affected.

Section 4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.