

RESOLUTION 15-34

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE FEASIBILITY AND ADVISABILITY OF PROVIDING LOCATIONS, SUCH AS MIAMI-DADE POLICE STATIONS OR OTHER LOCATIONS THAT WOULD DETER CRIMINAL ACTIVITY, TO SERVE AS SAFE HAVENS IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FOR ANYONE SEEKING TO COMPLETE A CRAIGSLIST TRANSACTION OR SIMILAR TRANSACTION RELATED TO A CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENT WEBSITE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, classified advertisement websites, such as Craigslist, have sections devoted to employment, housing, goods for sale, goods and services wanted and discussion forums; and

WHEREAS, classified advertisement websites do not oversee how their users conduct the sale of items posted on the site and have become a popular place for criminals to prey on the innocent and hardworking residents of Miami-Dade County and South Florida; and

WHEREAS, as a response to web-based sales robberies in the City of Weston and the City of Sunrise, the Broward County Sheriff's Office announced in July of 2014 that it's Weston sub-station would serve as a Safe Haven for residents seeking to complete an internet sales transaction; and

WHEREAS, the City of Boca Raton's Police Department announced a similar Safe Haven plan of action after experiencing three (3) armed robberies in the span of a week that began as cellphone and computer sales via a classified advertisement website; and

WHEREAS, other South Florida municipalities like the City of Sunrise, Fort Lauderdale, Delray Beach and Boynton Beach have all announced to the public that they are welcome to complete their web-based transactions at Police Stations during regular business hours in an effort to deter further criminal activity and ensure the safety of their residents; and

WHEREAS, on February 3, 2015, the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. R-126-15 (Exhibit "A"), directing the Mayor or Mayor's designee to examine the feasibility and advisability of providing locations, such as Miami-Dade police stations or other locations that would deter criminal activity, to serve as safe havens in Miami-Dade County for anyone seeking to complete a craigslist transaction or similar transaction related to a classified advertisement website; and

WHEREAS, identifying a location that would deter criminal activity, such as Miami-Dade Police Stations, to serve as Safe Havens in Miami-Dade County for internet sales transactions related to classified advertisement websites, could have a positive impact on the

safety of our local communities and potentially cause a decline in robberies related to these internet sales transactions; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council desires to express its support of the feasibility and advisability of providing locations to serve as Safe Havens in Miami-Dade County for anyone seeking to complete a sales transaction related to a classified advertisement website; and

WHEREAS, the Town finds that this Resolution will promote the health, safety and welfare of the Town.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals Adopted. That each of the above stated recitals is hereby adopted and confirmed.


Section 2. Support. The Town Council hereby expresses its strong support for the feasibility and advisability of providing locations, such as Miami-Dade police stations or other locations that would deter criminal activity, to serve as Safe Havens in Miami-Dade County for anyone seeking to complete a transaction solicited via a classified advertisement website.

Section 3. Implementation. The Town Manager is hereby authorized to implement the intent and purpose of this Resolution and to take any action that is necessary to confirm the Town's support to all interested governmental and participating private entities including requesting the Town's lobbyist to assist in identifying and securing funding opportunities at the Local, State and Federal levels.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption hereof.


PASSED and ADOPTED this 20th day of May, 2015.

Attest:



JACQUELINE N. WILSON
Interim Town Clerk





ERNEST N. SOCHIN
Vice Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY FOR THE
SOLE USE OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY:



WEISS SEROTA HELFMAN
COLE & BIERMAN, P.L.
Town Attorney

Moved By: Council Member Loyzelle
Seconded By: Council Member Mixon

FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION:

Mayor Peggy R. Bell	YES
Vice Mayor Ernest N. Sochin	YES
Council Member Roger Coriat	YES
Council Member Sue Ellen Loyzelle	YES
Council Member Mary Ann Mixon	YES

MEMORANDUM

Amended
Agenda Item No. 11(A)(6)

TO: Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime
and Members, Board of County Commissioners


DATE: February 3, 2015

FROM: R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the Mayor to examine the feasibility and advisability of providing locations, such as Miami-Dade Police stations or other locations that would deter criminal activity, to serve as safe havens in Miami-Dade County for anyone seeking to complete a Craigslist transaction or similar transaction related to a classified advertisement website; further directing the Mayor to prepare a report

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Sally A. Heyman.



R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

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(Revised)

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Please note any items checked.

- "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- Budget required
- Statement of fiscal impact required
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- No committee review
- Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____) to approve
- Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXAMINE THE FEASIBILITY AND ADVISABILITY OF PROVIDING LOCATIONS, SUCH AS MIAMI-DADE POLICE STATIONS OR OTHER LOCATIONS THAT WOULD DETER CRIMINAL ACTIVITY, TO SERVE AS SAFE HAVENS IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FOR ANYONE SEEKING TO COMPLETE A CRAIGSLIST TRANSACTION OR SIMILAR TRANSACTION RELATED TO A CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENT WEBSITE; FURTHER DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR DESIGNEE TO PREPARE A REPORT

WHEREAS, classified advertisement websites, such as Craigslist, have sections devoted to jobs, housing, goods for sale, items wanted, services, and discussion forums; and

WHEREAS, individuals who are looking to buy and sell items will usually contact each other through classified advertisement websites and arrange to meet in person to conduct the sales transaction; and

WHEREAS, classified advertisement websites do not oversee how their users conduct the sale of items posted on the site; and

WHEREAS, classified advertisement websites are becoming a popular place for criminals to prey on the innocent and hardworking residents of Miami-Dade County and South Florida; and

WHEREAS, there have been a number of cases in South Florida in 2014 alone in which people selling cellphones, computers, or other valuable goods through classified advertisement websites have been targeted by criminals who intend to rob them when they meet to exchange goods for cash; and

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WHEREAS, on October 21, 2014, a 17-year-old resident of the City of Hialeah was robbed at gunpoint when he went to sell a pair of sneakers to a buyer he met on a classified advertisement website; and

WHEREAS, when the two met at a local park, the buyer pulled a gun, a struggle ensued and one shot was fired at the teen; and

WHEREAS, in July of 2014, a man and woman robbed and briefly kidnapped a father of three after meeting him at a Target parking lot in the City of Sunrise, Florida, where the couple was supposed to buy an iPhone the victim was selling on a classified advertisement website; and

WHEREAS, the victim leaned into the car to show the phone to the woman, at which point the couple took off, dragging the victim through the street; and

WHEREAS, the victim suffered lacerations to his hands and legs; and

WHEREAS, in March of 2014, a South Florida man who was trying to sell his iPhone on a classified advertisement website met up with a person he believed wanted to buy the phone, only to find himself in the midst of an armed robbery; and

WHEREAS, in December of 2011, shortly before the Christmas holiday, a South Florida U.S. Marine veteran was the victim of an internet sales transaction gone awry during which he was shot and then forced to plug his wounds with his fingers, benefiting from a military background that police say, possibly saved his life; and

WHEREAS, even when the victims of these internet sales crimes pick locations for the transactions that they feel would be safe, such as public and populated shopping centers or parks, they still fall prey to criminals; and

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WHEREAS, in response to robberies in the Cities of Sunrise and Weston, the Broward Sheriff's Office announced in July of 2014 that its Weston substation, 17300 Royal Palm Blvd., would serve as a safe haven for anyone seeking to complete an internet sales transaction; and

WHEREAS, police in the City of Boca Raton announced the same safe haven plan in early 2014 after there were three armed robberies in a three week period that began as cellphone and computer sales via a classified advertisement website; and

WHEREAS, police in the Cities of Sunrise, Fort Lauderdale, Delray Beach, and Boynton Beach have announced that they have no formal program, but that the public is welcome to complete transactions at police stations during regular business hours if it makes them feel safer; and

WHEREAS, identifying a location that would deter criminal activity, such as Miami-Dade Police stations, to serve as a safe haven in Miami-Dade County for internet sales transactions related to classified advertisement websites could have a positive impact on the safety of our local community and potentially cause a decline in robberies related to internet sales transactions,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

Section 1. Directs the Mayor or Mayor's designee to examine the feasibility and advisability, including any potential liability to the County, of providing at least four locations, one in the north, south, west, and central areas of the County, to serve as a safe haven for anyone seeking to complete an internet sales transaction related to a classified advertisement website. The safe haven locations should be sites that deter criminal activity, such as a Miami-Dade Police station or other well-populated and safe locations.

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Section 2. Directs the Mayor or Mayor's designee to prepare a report containing the findings and recommendations resulting from the study identified in Section 1 and provide the report to this Board within 60 days of the effective date of this resolution and place the completed report on an agenda of the Board pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Sally A. Heyman. It was offered by Commissioner **Sally A. Heyman**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Audrey M. Edmonson** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

	Jean Monestime, Chairman	aye	
	Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Vice Chairman	aye	
Bruno A. Barreiro	absent	Daniella Levine Cava	aye
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	absent	Audrey M. Edmonson	aye
Sally A. Heyman	aye	Barbara J. Jordan	aye
Dennis C. Moss	absent	Rebeca Sosa	aye
Sen. Javier D. Souto	aye	Xavier L. Suarez	aye
Juan C. Zapata	aye		

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The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 3rd day of February, 2015. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this Resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK



By: Christopher Agrippa
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

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