

RESOLUTION NO. 25-2120

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AN IDENTIFICATION (ID) REQUEST PROTOCOL FOR VISITORS AT MIAMI LAKES SECTION ONE SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT (STD) GUARDBOUSES DURING NIGHTTIME HOURS; DIRECTING STAFF TO COORDINATE WITH THE TOWN'S SECURITY PROVIDER FOR NOTICE TO RESIDENTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on October 1, 2018, the Town of Miami Lakes (the "Town") assumed administrative control of Miami Lakes Section 1; and

WHEREAS, the Town is responsible for managing security services within the STDs, funded through non-ad valorem assessments; and

WHEREAS, the Town received consistent feedback from the public requesting enhanced security procedures during overnight hours; and

WHEREAS, during the July 15, 2025, Regular Town Council Meeting, Councilmember Juan Carlos Fernandez introduced a motion to implement an ID request protocol for visitors entering through managed guardhouses during overnight hours to enhance public safety in Miami Lakes Section One, similar to those proposed for Royal Oaks Section One and Royal Oaks East Special Taxing District guardhouses; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council during its April 24, 2025, Special Taxing District Quarterly Budget Workshop, discussed and received staff input regarding legal compliance, operation feasibility, and standardization of procedures for the proposed ID request policy; and

WHEREAS, the Town Attorney has reviewed the proposed policy and determined that it is legally permissible under state law and the Miami-Dade County Code, if access to public roads is not denied and the ID request remains voluntary and non-restrictive; and

WHEREAS, such as precedent for such procedures exists in other municipalities, such as the City of Coral Gables, where a visitor ID request protocol has been successfully implemented in Special Taxing Districts; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds that implementing this visitor ID request protocol is in the best interest of the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the Miami Lakes Section 1 STDs; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council desires to implement a visitor ID request protocol between the hours of 10:00 PM AND 6:00 AM, seven (7) days a week, 365 days a year, in a manner that promotes safety, accountability, and community confidence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. The foregoing Recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. Authorization. The Town Council hereby approves the implementation of a visitor identification request protocol at the Miami Lakes Section 1 Special Taxing District guardhouses, to be enforced between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. daily.

Section 3. Implementation. Town staff is directed to coordinate with the Town's designated security provider to implement this policy and ensure consistent respectful, and legal ID request procedures by on-duty security guards.

Section 4. Public Notice. Town staff shall notify residents of the upcoming implementation at least thirty (30) days in advance through multiple communication methods, including social media, mailout notices, and prominently posted signage at the applicable guardhouses.


Section 5. Severability. If any section, clause, sentence, or phrase of this Resolution is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Resolution shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

Passed and adopted this 19th day of August 2025.

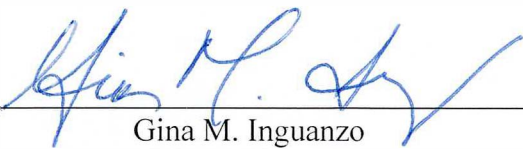
The foregoing resolution was offered by Councilmember Fernandez who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Morera and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Mayor Joshua Dieguez	Yes
Vice Mayor Bryan Morera	Yes
Councilmember Juan Carlos Fernandez	Yes
Councilmember Angelo Cuadra Garcia	Yes
Councilmember Ray Garcia	Yes
Councilmember Steven Herzberg	Yes
Councilmember Alex Sanchez	Yes




Joshua Dieguez
MAYOR

Attest:



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TOWN CLERK

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:



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