



# MIAMI BEACH

## City Commission Meeting

### ADDENDUM MATERIAL

City Hall, Commission Chambers, 3rd Floor, 1700 Convention Center Drive

April 11, 2007

Mayor David Dermer  
Vice-Mayor Michael Góngora  
Commissioner Matti Herrera Bower  
Commissioner Simon Cruz  
Commissioner Saul Gross  
Commissioner Jerry Libbin  
Commissioner Richard L. Steinberg

City Manager Jorge Gonzalez  
City Attorney Jose Smith  
City Clerk Robert E. Parcher

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#### ATTENTION ALL LOBBYISTS

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#### ADDENDUM AGENDA

##### C4 - Commission Committee Assignments

- C4I Referral To The Finance And Citywide Projects Committee - Discussion Regarding An Ordinance Implementing House Bill 333, Increasing The Homestead Exemption For Low Income Seniors.  
(Economic Development)

##### R9 - New Business and Commission Requests

- R9G Discussion Regarding Request To Waive Rental Fee At A City Facility, Byron Carlyle Theater Or Colony Theater, For The Rock Ensemble Concert On May 19, 2007.  
(Requested by Commissioner Richard L. Steinberg)
- R9H Discussion Regarding Beach Renourishment Needs In Miami Beach.  
(Requested by Commissioner Simon Cruz)



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City of Miami Beach, 1700 Convention Center Drive, Miami Beach, Florida 33139, www.miamibeachfl.gov

## COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor David Dermer and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager

DATE: April 11, 2007

SUBJECT: **REFERRAL TO THE FINANCE AND CITYWIDE PROJECTS COMMITTEE – DISCUSSION REGARDING AN ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTING HOUSE BILL 333, INCREASING THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FOR LOW INCOME SENIORS.**

On April 9, 2007, Governor Charlie Crist signed legislation that will double the additional homestead exemption available to low-income seniors. Prior to November 2006, the Florida Constitution allowed cities and counties to pass an ordinance that grants low-income seniors an additional homestead exemption of \$25,000. In November 2006, Florida voters amended the Constitution to allow cities and counties to increase this additional homestead exemption to \$50,000.

House Bill 333 implements the constitutional amendment to increase the local option for homestead exemption from \$25,000 to \$50,000 for individuals age 65 and older whose income does not exceed \$23,414 in 2007.

Additionally, the bill provides that if a local government has already implemented the additional \$25,000 exemption for low-income seniors, the legislation allows them to increase the exemption to \$50,000 for the 2007 tax year, provided that the local ordinance is adopted and submitted to the County's Property Appraiser's Office by June 1, 2007.

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Attachments:

Governor Crist Press Release  
House Bill 333 Enrolled

Agenda Item C4I  
Date 4-11-07

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
APRIL 9, 2007

**CONTACT: ERIN ISAAC**  
(850) 488-5394

**Governor Crist Signs Bill Doubling  
Additional Homestead Exemption to Low-Income Seniors**

*~ House Bill 333 implements constitutional amendment approved by voters in November 2006 ~*

TALLAHASSEE – Governor Charlie Crist today signed legislation that will double the additional homestead exemption available to low-income seniors. Prior to last year's election, the Florida Constitution allowed cities and counties to pass an ordinance that grants low-income seniors an additional homestead exemption of \$25,000. In November 2006, voters amended the constitutional amendment to allow cities and counties to increase this additional homestead exemption to \$50,000.

“We have an obligation to provide our state’s seniors the utmost respect and dignity,” Governor Crist said. “Unfortunately, high property taxes are forcing many seniors to choose which bills they can afford to pay. This legislation provides additional help to those who need it most and can help make living in Florida more affordable.”

House Bill 333 implements the constitutional amendment that increases the local option for homestead exemption from \$25,000 to \$50,000 for individuals age 65 and older whose income does not exceed \$23,414 in 2007. The increased homestead exemption applies only to cities and counties, not to school districts or special districts.

If local governments have already implemented the additional \$25,000 exemption for low-income seniors, the legislation allows them to increase the exemption to \$50,000 for the 2007 tax year. Currently, 53 counties and 158 cities have already implemented the additional exemption.

Local governments that have not already implemented the additional \$25,000 homestead exemption for low-income seniors have the opportunity to implement the new law for the 2008 tax year. If all eligible jurisdictions were to adopt an ordinance increasing the homestead exemption to \$50,000, the tax burden on seniors would be reduced by \$45.8 million next year.

Governor Crist was joined at the bill signing by sponsors Representative Carlos Lopez-Cantera (R-Miami) and Senator Mike Haridopolos (R-Melbourne).

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1                                   A bill to be entitled

2           An act relating to homestead exemption; amending s.

3           196.075, F.S.; revising the amount of the additional

4           homestead exemption for low-income seniors in accordance

5           with the amendment to s. 6(f), Art. VII of the State

6           Constitution adopted at the 2006 general election;

7           providing for adjustments for the 2007 tax roll only;

8           providing for retroactive effect; providing an effective

9           date.

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Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (2) and paragraph (c) of subsection (4) of section 196.075, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

196.075 Additional homestead exemption for persons 65 and older.--

(2) In accordance with s. 6(f), Art. VII of the State Constitution, the board of county commissioners of any county or the governing authority of any municipality may adopt an ordinance to allow an additional homestead exemption of up to \$50,000 ~~\$25,000~~ for any person who has the legal or equitable title to real estate and maintains thereon the permanent residence of the owner, who has attained age 65, and whose household income does not exceed \$20,000.

(4) An ordinance granting additional homestead exemption as authorized by this section must meet the following requirements:

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28 (c) It must specify the amount of the exemption, which may  
29 not exceed \$50,000 ~~\$25,000~~. If the county or municipality  
30 specifies a different exemption amount for dependent special  
31 districts or municipal service taxing units, the exemption  
32 amount must be uniform in all dependent special districts or  
33 municipal service taxing units within the county or  
34 municipality.

35 Section 2. For the 2007 tax roll only, a taxing authority  
36 that has adopted an exemption under s. 196.075, Florida  
37 Statutes, for the 2007 tax year may increase the amount of that  
38 exemption, subject to the \$50,000 limit, by delivering to the  
39 property appraiser by June 1, 2007, a copy of the adopted  
40 regular or emergency ordinance authorizing the increase.

41 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law  
42 and shall apply retroactively to January 1, 2007.



# MIAMI BEACH

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR AND COMMISSION

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager

FROM: Richard L. Steinberg, Commissioner *RLS/mt*

DATE: April 9, 2007

SUBJECT: Agenda Item – Request to Waive Rental Fee at a City Facility (Byron Carlyle Theater or Colony Theater) for the Rock Ensemble Concert on May 19, 2007

I would like to request that the Commission waive the rental fee at a City facility, Byron Carlyle Theater or Colony Theater, to allow the Rock Ensemble to perform a concert on May 19, 2007. Please place this item on the April 11<sup>th</sup> Commission agenda.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact my Aide, Ms. Marlene Taylor at ext. 6087.

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR & COMMISSION  
MEMORANDUM**

**TO: JORGE M. GONZALEZ  
CITY MANAGER**

**FROM: SIMON CRUZ  
COMMISSIONER** 

**DATE: APRIL 10, 2007**

**RE: EMERGENCY AGENDA ITEM**

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Please place on the April 11, 2007 City Commission Agenda for discussion, the current beach renourishment needs and the expected time line for renourishing the different sections of the beaches. Many of our residents and businesses are loosing their beachfront and the situation is growing critical and a fast response is extremely important. Hurricane season is fast approaching and its impact on our beaches will be devastating if we do not act timely.

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