



MIAMI BEACH

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

NO. LTC # 239-2009

LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Matti Herrera Bower and Members of the City Commission

FROM: *Jorge M. Gonzalez for*
Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager

DATE: September 15, 2009

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION NO. R2009-54/TO PROHIBIT PERSONS FROM USING ANY ELECTRONIC DEVICE WHILE OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE.**

This LTC is to inform you of the attached Resolution No. R2009-54 adopted by the City of North Miami Beach, Urging the Florida State Legislature to prohibit persons from using any electronic device while operating a motor vehicle.

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RESOLUTION NO. R2009-54

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA,
URGING THE FLORIDA STATE LEGISLATURE TO
PROHIBIT PERSONS FROM USING ANY ELECTRONIC
COMMUNICATIONS DEVICE WHILE OPERATING A
MOTOR VEHICLE.**

WHEREAS, text messaging while driving has become a daily distraction for a generation of drivers hooked on instant communication and a menace to others on the road; and

WHEREAS, a recent study by the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute, a vehicle safety research organization, reported that those who text while operating a motor vehicle are 23 times more apt to crash and to be more dangerous than fully alert drivers; and

WHEREAS, the studies involving the use of electronic communications devices have revealed that texting is much worse than driving at the legal alcohol limit; and

WHEREAS, currently, seventeen states make it illegal to send a text message while driving; and

WHEREAS, even though Florida is not one of those seventeen states banning the use of electronic communications devices, some state representatives have tried but to no avail to get a bill passed for the past three years; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami Beach recognize the danger associated with texting while driving to all users of its road; and

WHEREAS, the passage of a bill to prohibit persons from using any electronic communications device would greatly benefit all citizens within our state.

RESOLUTION R2009-54

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of North Miami Beach

Section 1. The Mayor and Council of the City of North Miami Beach, Florida, hereby strongly urge the Florida State Legislature to pass legislation to prohibit persons from using any electronic communications device.

Section 2. The City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to all State Representatives, State Senators and the presiding Officers and Council members of the municipalities in Miami-Dade County.


Section 3. The Mayor and Council of the City of North Miami Beach, Florida, hereby direct the City's state lobbyists to advocate the need for legislation set forth in Section 1.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City of North Miami Beach City Council at the regular meeting assembled this **1st day of September, 2009.**

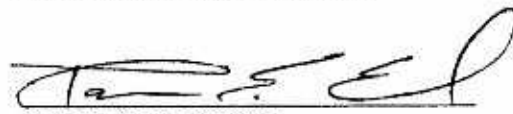
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SUSAN A. OWENS
CITY CLERK

(CITY SEAL)


MYRON ROSNER
MAYOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


DARCEE S. SIEGEL
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: Councilman John Patrick Julien
Mayor and Council

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