



# MIAMI BEACH

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## FINANCE & CITYWIDE PROJECTS COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager

DATE: June 23, 2011

SUBJECT: Discussion regarding the amount of time residents have to pay their utility bill.

At the February 9, 2011 City of Miami Beach Commission meeting, a discussion item regarding the amount of time residents have to pay their utility bill was referred to the Finance and Citywide Projects Committee for discussion.

Presently, the Miami Beach City Code states that all water, sewer, and stormwater utility bills (Utility Bill) shall be paid within 15 days from the date of the bill.

Listed below for your review is a comparison of local Utility Bills from neighboring communities, as well as, two other energy utility providers in Miami Beach:

### City of Miami Beach Finance and Citywide Projects Committee Utility Billing Analysis

Community Name	Days of Service	Past Due After (X) Days	Plus / Minus Days Compared to Miami Beach
City of Miami Beach - Utility Billing	30	15	-
Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department	90	21	6
Broward County Commission - Public Works Department	30	21	6
City of Miramar	30	21	6
City of Fort Lauderdale	30	25	10
<b>Other Utilities</b>			
Florida Power and Light	30	21	6
TECO - Peoples Gas	30	21	6

To adjust the due date for payment of utility invoices, the "one-time" cash impact would be approximately \$317,000 for each day the due date is extended. For example: three days = \$951,000.

JMG/PW/mm