



MIAMI BEACH

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR AND COMMISSION

MEMORANDUM

TO: Ms. Kathie Brooks, Interim City Manager
Mr. Rafael Granado, City Clerk

FROM: Commissioner Deede Weithorn

DATE: August 29, 2012

SUBJECT: **Referral to Neighborhoods Committee:**
Review of Hurricane Season & Season Flooding Parking Policies

It is the publicized policy of the City of Miami Beach to provide access to its municipal parking garages for residential parking free of charge during a state of emergency. Availability is on a first-come basis with City government vehicles taking a priority. Usually, parking will resume normal operations once the city has been declared safe or a reoccupation has been granted.

It is Commissioner Weithorn's hope to review this policy to ensure that access to municipal garages is granted prior to the arrival of dangerous weather conditions. This policy may merit revision and/or editing, upon the will of the City Commission, to specifically indicate that free access to municipal garages will be granted to residents upon issuance of a tropical storm watch/warning and/or hurricane watch/warning by the National Hurricane Center.

Possible consideration may also be given to provide circumstances for free residential access at municipal parking garages with underutilized capacity during lunar cycles which have historically produced seasonal high tides resulting in tidal flooding at low-lying areas including but not limited to: Purdy Ave between Dade Blvd and 20th Street; the west side of Palm Island; and Alton Road and West Avenue, particularly at 5th Street, 6th Street, 10th Street, and 14th Street.

Should you have any questions and/or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at extension 6528.

Thank you,

Alex J. Fernández,
Commissioner Deede Weithorn's Office

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