

Neighborhood/Community Affairs Committee Meeting  
September 24, 2012

**Policies Related To Storms, Hurricanes and Parking.**

**A. Discussion Regarding Whether The City Should Have A General Standing Rule To Waive Certain Fees, Such As Parking And Other, Related To Reconstruction Of Private Property Damaged Due To A Severe Storm Event Or Similar Nature Event.**

*Commission Item C4H, July 15, 2009*

*(Requested by Mayor Matti Herrera Bower)*

*Max Sklar, Acting Assistant City Manager*

*Kevin Crowder, Economic Development Division Director*

**B. Discussion Regarding Review Of Hurricane Season And Seasonal Flooding Parking Policies.**

*Commission Item C4B, September 12, 2012*

*(Requested by Commissioner Weithorn)*

*Saul Frances, Parking Department Director*

**ITEM 2**

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# 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 5<sup>th</sup> Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Street, 10<sup>th</sup> Street, and 14<sup>th</sup> 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