



# MIAMI BEACH

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR AND COMMISSION

MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Commissioner Deede Weithorn

DATE: September 25, 2012

SUBJECT: Referral to Finance Committee:  
Guarantee Deposits for Water and Sewer.

The City of Miami Beach, through its current policies, requires that new retail users for water service, sewer service, or both issue a deposit to the Utility Billing Department for new water installations. The City of Miami Beach has traditionally held this deposit until closing of the account providing that there are no outstanding bills.

Commissioner Deede Weithorn would like to refer a discussion item to the Finance Committee to consider new policy (similar to section (5) Guarantee Deposits / order number 10-8 of the rules and regulations of the Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department enacted on May 13, 2011) establishing criteria for the reimbursement of guarantee deposits for those customers who have established a positive payment history on their water bill.

Miami-Dade County Water and Sewer Department Rules and Regulations  
Water and Sewer Service (5) GUARANTEE DEPOSITS

"...deposits are returned according to the following criteria: closing an account or after two (2) years with no service cuts or tampering violations combined with a record of less than three (3) late payments for a quarterly customer and less than five (5) late payments for a monthly customer in a two (2) year service period."

"Deposits shall earn simple interest at a rate established by the Department, which rate shall be periodically reviewed.... Return of deposits shall be in the form of a credit adjustment on the regularly scheduled or final billing."

Should you have any questions and/or concerns regarding this referral, please do not hesitate to contact Commissioner Weithorn's office at extension 7105.

Thank you,

Alex J. Fernández,  
Commissioner Deede Weithorn's Office

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