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LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor David Dermer and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager

DATE: January 31, 2006 *Jorge*

SUBJECT: Miami Beach Fraternal Order of Police Health Trust/Fire Fighters Insurance Trust – Domestic Partner Benefits Coverage Termination

This purpose of this Letter to the City Commission is to advise the Commission that the Miami Beach Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Health Trust/Fire Fighters Insurance Trust will be terminating their coverage of domestic partner benefits effective January 15, 2006 (for the IAFF fund) and February 1, 2006 (for FOP fund).

This action has been taken under the advice and recommendation of the Fund CPA who advised that the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has issued private letter rulings indicating such coverage could jeopardize the tax exempt status of the funds. Therefore, family contributions on behalf of domestic partners will no longer be accepted.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Attachments: Letter from Phillips, Richard & Rind, P.A., January 6, 2006

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1700 Convention Center Dr.
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Miami Beach, Fl 33139

Re: Miami Beach FOP Health Trust/ Florida Fire Fighters Insurance Trust Fund

Dear Linda:

Please be advised that the above funds will be terminating their coverage of domestic partner benefits effective January 15, 2006 (for IAFF fund) and February 1, 2006 (for FOP fund). The reason for the action is based on recommendations by our Fund CPA who has advised that the IRS has issued private letter rulings indicating such coverage would jeopardize the tax exempt status of the funds. Therefore we will no longer be able to accept family contributions on behalf of domestic partners. Please call should you have any questions in this regard.

Very truly yours,


Kathleen M. Phillips

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cc: Jorge Gonzalez
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