Condensed Title:

An Ordinance proposing an amendment to Chapter 118, Article II, "Boards" of the City Code requiring that an application be filed with the City Clerk prior to the City Commission making appointments to a Land Use Board.

Key Intended Outcome Supported:

Not Applicable - Regulatory

Supporting Data (Surveys, Environmental Scan, etc
Not Applicable - Regulatory

Issue:

Should the City Commission adopt the proposed ordinance which would require that a person interested in serving on a Land Use Board first would have to file an application with the City Clerk?

Item Summary/Recommendation:

FIRST READING

This ordinance will require a person who would like to serve on a land use board to file an application with the City Clerk prior to the Commission considering his/her appointment to any such board.

The Administration recommends that the City Commission approve the ordinance on first reading and set a second reading public hearing for the March 18, 2009 meeting.

Advisory Board Recommendation:

At the September 22, 2008 meeting, the LUDC recommended in favor of the ordinance with a modification that would allow the City Commission to waive the application requirement by a 5/7ths vote, provided such waiver is only instituted one time per board per meeting.

At the January 27, 2009 meeting the Planning Board recommended adoption of the ordinance.

Financial Information:

Source of Funds:		Amount	Account
	1		
	2		
	3		
OBPI	Total		

Financial Impact Summary:
The proposed Ordinance is not expected to have any fiscal impact upon the resources of the City.

City Clerk's Office Legislative Tracking:

Jorge Gomez or Mercy Lamazares

Sign-Offs:

Department Director	Assistant City Manager	City Manager

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COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager

DATE: February 25, 2009 **First Reading**

SUBJECT: **Application requirement for appointment to a Land Use Board**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS OF THE MIAMI BEACH CITY CODE, CHAPTER 118, "ADMINISTRATION AND REVIEW PROCEDURES", ARTICLE II, "BOARDS," DIVISION 1 "GENERALLY," BY CREATING A NEW SECTION 118-32, "APPLICATION REQUIREMENT FOR LAND USE BOARDS" TO REQUIRE THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP ON ANY OF THE FOUR LAND USE BOARDS NOT LESS THAN TEN DAYS BEFORE APPOINTMENT, PROVIDING FOR WAIVER BY THE CITY COMMISSION; AND PROVIDING FOR REPEALER, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION

Approve the ordinance on first reading and set a second reading public hearing for the March 18, 2009 City Commission meeting.

ANALYSIS

Several months ago the City Commission requested comments regarding ways to improve the City's current Board and Committee System. At the Land Use and Development Committee (LUDC) meeting of September 22, 2008, a group of interested citizens proposed that the City Commission require that a person who would like to serve on a land use board file an application with the City Clerk prior to the Commission considering his/her appointment to any such board. They explained that the filing of the application would ensure that the members of the City Commission have the information available in advance. In addition, the information would be useful to the various organizations that are enlisted by provisions in the City Code to identify candidates for these boards. The LUDC recommended in favor of the ordinance with a modification that would allow the City Commission to waive the application requirement by a 5/7ths vote, provided such waiver is only instituted one time per board per meeting.

PLANNING BOARD ACTION

At the January 27, 2009 meeting, the Planning Board recommended adoption of the ordinance by a vote of 7-0.

FISCAL IMPACT

The proposed Ordinance is not expected to have any fiscal impact upon the resources of the City.

CONCLUSION

The Administration recommends that the City Commission Approve the ordinance on first reading and set a second reading public hearing for the March 18, 2009 City Commission meeting.

Pursuant to Section 118-164 of the City Code, when a request to amend the Land Development Regulations does not change the actual list of permitted, conditional or prohibited uses in a zoning category the proposed ordinance may be read by title or in full on at least two separate days and shall, at least ten days prior to adoption, be noticed once in a newspaper of general circulation in the city. The notice of proposed enactment shall state the date, time and place of the meeting; the title of the proposed ordinance; and the place or places within the city where such proposed ordinances may be inspected by the public. The notice shall also advise that interested parties may appear at the meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance.

Immediately following the public hearing at the second reading, the City Commission may adopt the ordinance. An affirmative vote of five-sevenths of all members of the city commission shall be necessary in order to enact any amendment to the Land Development Regulations.

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ORDINANCE NO._____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS OF THE MIAMI BEACH CITY CODE, CHAPTER 118, "ADMINISTRATION AND REVIEW PROCEDURES", ARTICLE II, "BOARDS," DIVISION 1 "GENERALLY," BY CREATING A NEW SECTION 118-32, "APPLICATION REQUIREMENT FOR LAND USE BOARDS" TO REQUIRE THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP ON ANY OF THE FOUR LAND USE BOARDS NOT LESS THAN TEN DAYS BEFORE APPOINTMENT, PROVIDING FOR WAIVER BY THE CITY COMMISSION; AND PROVIDING FOR REPEALER, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Code provides for the appointment by the City Commission of the members of the Planning Board, Design Review Board, Historic Preservation Board, and Board of Adjustment (the "Land Use Boards"); and

WHEREAS, the City Code establishes membership requirements for each of the Land Use Boards; and

WHEREAS, an application requirement would facilitate conformance in the appointment process with the prescribed membership requirements; and

WHEREAS, the availability of information about applicants for appointment to the Land Use Boards serves an important public policy and governmental interest in transparency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That Chapter 118, "Administration and Review Procedures", Article II, "Boards," Division 1, "Generally," is hereby amended by creating a new Section 118-32, "Application Requirement For Land Use Boards", as follows:

Sec. 118-32. Application Requirement for Land Use Boards.

No person shall be appointed to the Planning Board, Design Review Board, Historic Preservation Board, or the Board of Adjustment unless he or she has filed an application with the City Clerk on the form prescribed, not less than ten days before the date of appointment. The City Commission may waive this requirement by a 5/7ths vote, provided such waiver shall only be granted one time per board, per meeting, provided further that any applicant granted such a waiver files his or her application prior to being sworn in as a member of these boards.

SECTION 2. Repealer.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances and all sections and parts of sections in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. Codification.

It is the intention of the City Commission, and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this ordinance shall become and be made part of the Code of the City of Miami Beach as amended; that the sections of this ordinance may be renumbered or relettered to accomplish such intention, and that the word "ordinance" may be changed to "section" or other appropriate word.

SECTION 4. Severability.

If any section, subsection, clause or provision of this Ordinance is held invalid, the remainder shall not be affected by such invalidity.

SECTION 5. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall take effect ten days following adoption.

PASSED and **ADOPTED** this ____day of _____, 2009.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

_____
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO
FORM AND LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION

_____ 2/18/09
City Attorney Date

First Reading:
Second Reading:

Underscore denotes new language.

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