



Town of Miami Lakes Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor & Councilmembers

From: Honorable Councilmember Luis E. Collazo

Subject: Legal Opinion from Miami Dade County Regarding the Use of Surplus Neighborhood Service Districts Funds

Date: February 13, 2024

Recommendation:

Residents in several of our Neighborhood Service Districts (NSD) with Guard Gates have contacted the Council expressing concern over the way surplus funds have been utilized to add License Plate Readers (LPR) to the guard houses and has this expanded the scope of services originally set forth by the founding ordinance.

While not opposed to the use of License Plate Readers, several residents have expressed concern that the service was added to the district and its operational budget, without a vote of the impacted parties, and as such the additional scope has added an ongoing tax liability to the special taxing district fund.

Prior to transferring oversight of the NSD to the Town of Miami Lakes, Miami Dade County reviewed its ongoing process for the operation of its Special Taxing Districts. I would like to direct our Town Attorney to obtain an opinion from Miami Dade County (as an independent third party); if the addition of the License Plate Readers required/ requires a vote by the affected parties, and if so which are the steps the Town can take to remedy the issue.

Fiscal Impact: Minimal

Funding Source for Implementation: General Fund

Timeline for Implementation: 30 – 60 days

Guiding Principles: 2, 3, 4, 14

Goals: 9

Objectives: 2