



## TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES MEMORANDUM

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**To:** Honorable Mayor and Town Council

**From:** Edward Pidermann, Town Manager

**Subject:** Interlocal Agreement with Miami-Dade County for Local Patrol Services Extension

**Date:** October 8, 2024

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### **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Town Council approve the Interlocal Agreement with Miami-Dade County (County) for the provision of Local Police Patrol Services for an additional five (5) year period through September 30, 2029.

### **Background**

Since November 2001, the Town has been receiving local patrol police service from the Miami-Dade Police Department via an Interlocal Agreement between the two governments. The current agreement is set to expire on September 30, 2024.

In March 2024, the Town entered discussions with Miami-Dade County, under the direction of then Police Director Freddy Ramirez, regarding the renewal of the Interlocal Agreement. Since then, the Miami Dade Police Department (MDPD) has undergone several Command changes in the Office of the Police Director.

Town staff reviewed the terms of the interlocal agreement along with the other two municipalities that have interlocal agreements with Miami Dade County for police services, the Town of Cutler Bay, and Village of Palmetto Bay. During this process, it was discussed to extend the terms to ensure continuity of services after the new Sheriff is elected in November 2024. Town staff, in partnership with the management of both the Town of Cutler Bay and the Village of Palmetto Bay, entered negotiations with Miami-Dade County to achieve uniformity in contract terms and extension period across the three municipalities.

A revised agreement was developed that is uniform in contract terms across the three municipalities was put before the Town Council for approval. The revised agreement was

approved at the June 2024 meeting. A highlight of the changes to the previous interlocal agreement is highlighted below:

- 22.3- Termination with or without cause requires no less than three (3) years written notice of the termination. No party can terminate without cause during the last two (2) years of the agreement or renewal term.
- 24.1- Meeting to negotiate a new extension shall take place no later than March 30, 2029
- 25.1- Agreement extended until September 30, 2029.

Subsequent to the June 2024 Council approval of the revised agreement, and following several MDPD Command changes, MDPD communicated to the Town that they still desired to extend the agreement until 2029, but without changing the written notification of termination clause to 3 years. Due to the transition to a new Sheriff, they preferred to leave that clause unchanged at 1 year's notice.

Therefore, the changes to the MDPD Police Services agreement contained in this Resolution, if approved, shall be:

- 22.3- Termination with or without cause requires no less than one (1) year written notice of the termination. No party can terminate without cause during the last twelve (12) months of the agreement or renewal term. (UNCHANGED from current agreement)
- 24.1- Meeting to negotiate a new extension shall take place no later than March 30, 2029
- 25.1- Agreement extended until September 30, 2029.

Based on the Town's positive experience of outsourcing police services to Miami-Dade County, the extensive resources that the Miami-Dade Police Department can provide and their intimate knowledge of the Town, it is recommended that their services be continued for another five-year period. Under the provision of their services, the Town has been one of the safest communities in Florida. This agreement is expected to be adopted and honored by the newly elected Sheriff.

The approximate value of this new agreement for the 24-25 fiscal year is \$11,000,000 (not including additional overtime for special initiatives). This represents an approximate increase of \$2,637,000 or 31.5% increase since the last agreement was adopted in 2019. This increase is mainly attributed to increased personnel compensation, higher costs on operating equipment/services, and benefit increases.