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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Commission
FROM: Mark Antonio, City Manager
VIA: David Scott, Director of Public Works
DATE: Tuesday, May 16, 2023
RE: Ordinance No 2023-XX (First Reading) Shopping Cart Regulations

The City of North Miami Beach is proposing an amendment of Chapter IX of the Code of Ordinances of the City of North Miami Beach, Florida, to create a new section entitled “Shopping Cart Regulations” to establish guidelines for the recovery of stolen or abandoned shopping carts.

The failure to regulate shopping carts often results in carts being abandoned in City rights-of-way and on roadways. On numerous occasions shopping carts have been removed from the premises of businesses and left abandoned on public or private property throughout the City and such conduct constitutes a public nuisance and a potential hazard to the health, safety, and welfare of the public, and create conditions that reduce property values and promote blight and deterioration within the City’s neighborhoods.

Consistent with the City’s Strategic Plan this proposed section ensures that measures are taken by cart owners to prevent the removal of shopping carts from store premises and parking lots and to facilitate the retrieval of abandoned carts as permitted by State law to include identification requirements, unauthorized removal, shopping cart plans, penalties, public and private property impound process, administrative costs, and private retrieval services licensing.