

Meeting Date:

Agenda Item

March 10, 2015

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REQUESTED COMMISSION ACTION:

Consent

Ordinance

Resolution

Consideration/
Discussion

Presentation

SHORT TITLE

Over 200 child deaths have been reported in the last five years, nearly half of them
resulted from drowning and accidental suffocation or strangulation from an unsafe sleep
environment. Information and education can greatly contribute to preventing these
deaths, and the City of Pompano Beach supports the efforts to prevent these deaths
through the #saferby4 Initiative.

Summary of Purpose and Why:

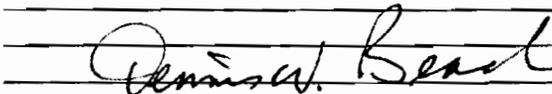
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING AND ENCOURAGING THE COLLECTIVE EFFORTS OF MUNICIPALITIES THROUGH THE “#SAFERBY4” INITIATIVE TO REDUCE PREVENTABLE CHILD DEATHS DUE TO DROWNING AND SLEEP HABITS; AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT THIS RESOLUTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

- (1) Origin of request for this action: Mayor Lamar Fisher
- (2) Primary staff contact: Gordon B. Linn, City Attorney Ext. 4614
- (3) Expiration of contract, if applicable: _____
- (4) Fiscal impact and source of funding: _____

DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION	DATE	DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION	DEPARTMENTAL HEAD SIGNATURE
<u>City Attorney</u>	<u>3/3/15</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>See City Attorney's Comm. #2015-657</u> 
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City Manager



ACTION TAKEN BY COMMISSION:

<u>Ordinance</u>	<u>Resolution</u>	<u>Consideration</u>	<u>Workshop</u>
<u>1st Reading</u>	<u>1st Reading</u>	<u>Results:</u>	<u>Results:</u>
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<u>2nd Reading</u>	_____	_____	_____
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City Attorney's Communication #2015-657
March 3, 2015

TO: Dennis W. Beach, City Manager
FROM: Gordon B. Linn, City Attorney
RE: Resolution – "Saferby4" Initiative to Prevent Child Deaths

Attached please find the following captioned Resolution addressing the above-referenced matter:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING AND ENCOURAGING THE COLLECTIVE EFFORTS OF MUNICIPALITIES THROUGH THE "#SAFERBY4" INITIATIVE TO REDUCE PREVENTABLE CHILD DEATHS DUE TO DROWNING AND SLEEP HABITS; AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT THIS RESOLUTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Please place this matter on the March 10, 2015 City Commission Agenda. I have attached a Commission Agenda Cover Sheet for your convenience.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me.

GORDON B. LINN

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Attachments

CITY OF POMPANO BEACH
Broward County, Florida

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING AND ENCOURAGING THE COLLECTIVE EFFORTS OF MUNICIPALITIES THROUGH THE “#SAFERBY4” INITIATIVE TO REDUCE PREVENTABLE CHILD DEATHS DUE TO DROWNING AND SLEEP HABITS; AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT THIS RESOLUTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, recent changes to the Florida Statutes now allow the Florida Department of Children and Families to broadly share child fatality information, which is useful in informing and educating communities about causes of child deaths; and

WHEREAS, over 200 child deaths have been reported to the Department of Children and Families in Broward County over the last five years, an average of one death every ten days; and

WHEREAS, nearly half of all child fatalities reported to the Department of Children and Families resulted from drowning and accidental suffocation or strangulation from an unsafe sleep environment; and

WHEREAS, the most prevalent cause of death of children under one year of age was accidental suffocation or strangulation from an unsafe sleep environment; and

WHEREAS, 77% of the Broward County children who died in the last five years were ages three and under; and

WHEREAS, information and education can greatly contribute to preventing deaths from drowning and unsafe sleep; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Children and Families is working together with the Children’s Services Council of Broward, the Florida Department of Health in Broward County,

Healthy Mothers/Healthy Babies, and other organizations to inform and educate families about actions and steps to prevent child fatalities; and

WHEREAS, as part of their overall prevention strategy, the Department of Children and Families is requesting the assistance of all Broward County municipalities in reducing, if not eliminating, these preventable tragedies to safely get young children to their fourth birthday; and

WHEREAS, the “#saferby4” initiative was established to raise awareness, assist, inform and educate families and municipalities about strategies and steps to prevent child fatalities; and

WHEREAS, first responders play a role in identifying high risk environments and providing educational opportunities to avert preventable child deaths due to drowning and unsafe sleep habits; and

WHEREAS, strategies include, providing DOSE ("direct on scene education") training for all Broward County first responders; increasing funding for swimming and pool safety instruction which is currently available for school aged children attending elementary schools participating in the Swim Central program to children from six months old to four (4) years old; securing community and organization support to provide a safe sleeping area for infants including cribs; and evaluating each municipalities risk reduction efforts through engineering, education, and enforcement; and

WHEREAS, municipalities, through their ability to communicate to the residents, civic associations, interfaith community and other organizations as well as the ability to coalesce resources, must take a leadership role in the “saferby4” initiative to include collaboration on innovative educational and prevention strategies and sharing “best practices” for reducing preventable child deaths due to drowning and unsafe sleep habits; and

WHEREAS, as part of the overall prevention strategy, municipalities have been asked to take the pledge to become a “#saferby4” community in Broward County; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. The foregoing “WHEREAS” clauses are hereby ratified as true and correct and incorporated herein by this reference.

SECTION 2. The City of Pompano Beach supports the “saferby4” initiative.

SECTION 3. The City of Pompano Beach encourages health care institutions, municipalities, and all first responders, to support the “saferby4” initiative and to collaborate on strategies aimed at reducing, if not eliminating, preventable child deaths due to drowning and unsafe sleep habits.

SECTION 4. The City Clerk is hereby directed to distribute a copy of this Resolution to each Mayor and municipal Commission of Broward County, the Broward Chiefs of Police Association, the Broward Fire Chiefs Association and the Broward County Board of County Commissioners.

SECTION 5. This Resolution shall become effective upon passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2015.

LAMAR FISHER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ASCELETA HAMMOND, CITY CLERK

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