

RESOLUTION No. 2008-254-942

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, MAKING IT MANDATORY FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS IN YOUTH SPORTS LEAGUE PROGRAMS OPERATING AT CITY FACILITIES, WHOSE GRADES FALL BELOW A 2.0 GRADE POINT AVERAGE, TO PARTICIPATE IN A HOMEWORK ASSISTANCE AND/OR TUTORING PROGRAM, AND REQUIRING THAT ALL YOUTH LEAGUE PARTICIPANTS MAINTAIN A 2.5 CONDUCT RATING; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Gardens advocates and promotes academic achievement for all youth and particularly for youth participating in sports leagues operating at City facilities, and

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Gardens provides in kind services to sports leagues operating at City facilities, and

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Gardens sports leagues are affiliated with the Florida Youth Athletic Association ("FLYAA"), which represents forty-two thousand (42,000) youths, from ages 4 through 15, throughout Florida, and

WHEREAS, the FLYAA also provides in kind services to many of the sports leagues that operate at City facilities, and

WHEREAS, the City wants to mandate that all sports league participants whose grades fall below a 2.0 academic grade point average, participate in a homework assistance and/or tutoring program during the sports season to ensure participants are given the tools they need to achieve and maintain acceptable academic standards, and

WHEREAS, the City also wants to mandate that students who participate in sports activities at City facilities maintain a minimum of a 2.5 in-school conduct rating to

be verified by report card and interim progress reports, for enrollment and retention in a youth sports league, and

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Gardens Parks and Recreation Department in coordination with the FLYAA, or any other approved youth sports leagues operating at City facilities will develop, administer and monitor the mandatory program,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS: The foregoing Whereas paragraphs are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true, and the same are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution.

Section 2. MANDATES: The City Council of Miami Gardens mandates the following:

A. All youth sports league participants operated at City facilities whose grades fall below a 2.0 academic grade point average must participate in a homework assistance and/or tutoring program two days per week.

B. All youth sports league participants in sports leagues operated at City facilities must maintain a minimum of a 2.5 in-school conduct rating.

C. Students grade point averages and conduct ratings will be verified by the submittal of progress reports and report cards to the City Parks and Recreation Department by the league in which the students participate, on a quarterly basis. In the event progress reports are not submitted for a participant, these participants shall not be permitted to participate until the reports have been provided. Further, students whose grades fall below the minimum requirement shall be prohibited from participating in any

sports activity at a City facility unless and until they have been enrolled and attend homework assistance and/or tutoring program and meet the minimum requirements set forth herein.

D. All sports league programs that operate at City facilities or facilities that the City maintains and makes available for sports activities shall be required to adhere to the requirements of this resolution and the same shall be made a part of their Agreements with the City.

Section 3. EFFECTIVE DATE: This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its final passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS AT ITS REGULAR MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 10, 2008.


SHIRLEY GIBSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:


RONETTA TAYLOR, MMC, CITY CLERK

PREPARED BY: SONJA KNIGHTON DICKENS, ESQ.
City Attorney

SPONSORED BY: COUNCILMAN OLIVER G. GILBERT III

MOVED BY: Councilman Bratton
SECONDED BY: Vice Mayor Watson

VOTE: 7-0

Mayor Shirley Gibson	<u> x </u> (Yes)	<u> </u> (No)
Vice Mayor Barbara Watson	<u> x </u> (Yes)	<u> </u> (No)
Councilman Melvin L. Bratton	<u> x </u> (Yes)	<u> </u> (No)
Councilman Aaron Campbell	<u> x </u> (Yes)	<u> </u> (No)
Councilman Oliver Gilbert, III	<u> x </u> (Yes)	<u> </u> (No)
Councilwoman Sharon Pritchett	<u> x </u> (Yes)	<u> </u> (No)
Councilman André Williams	<u> x </u> (Yes)	<u> </u> (No)

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Meeting Date: **December 10, 2008**

Fiscal Impact: No Yes

(If yes, explain in Staff Summary)

Funding Source: N/A

Contract/P.O. Requirement: Yes No

Sponsor Name/Department:

Councilman Oliver Gilbert III

Public hearing

Ordinance

1st Reading

advertising requirement:

RFP/RFQ/Bid #

Quasi-Judicial

Resolution

2nd Reading

Yes No

Title

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Staff Summary

The City of Miami Gardens currently contracts with seven (7) athletic organizations that provide football, cheerleading, baseball, and basketball programs on several parks throughout the City.

To ensure that youth sports participants are achieving both athletically and educationally the City wishes to establish a mandatory eligibility requirement of a 2.0 grade point average and 2.5 conduct rating to be enrolled in any city contracted athletic organization's program. Under the proposed resolution, if the participant fails to maintain the required grade point average, the he/she would be mandated to participate in homework assistance/tutoring program provided by the organization and/or the City of Miami Gardens until such time that the grade improve. The City will require that teams produce both interim reports and report cards throughout the athletic season to prove eligibility.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the attached resolution, authorizing the City Manager to execute agreements associated with athletic organizations operating within the City of Miami Gardens that stipulate a GPA, conduct score, and homework assistance requirement.