

Miami passes ordinance requiring permits to feed large groups of homeless people

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Miami city commissioners on Thursday voted 3-1 to pass an ordinance restricting when and where individuals and organizations can feed people experiencing homelessness.

The ordinance, sponsored by Commissioners Joe Carollo and Manolo Reyes, is against “systematic street feeding,” Reyes said. But the ordinance drew opposition from District 2 Commissioner Ken Russell, the only dissenting vote, as well as from the American Civil Liberties Union.

The ordinance requires individuals and organizations to obtain permits for feedings that will attract 25 or more people experiencing homelessness in a public place. Carollo was absent for the vote.