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Mr. Hearne,

This letter is in response to your correspondence titled "County Ordinance – Sec. 21-286 – Prohibition on overnight camping; Encampment at NW 71st Street & NW 36th Ave" dated May 2, 2018.

Your letter concerns individuals who reside at the encampment located at NW 71st Street and NW 36th Avenue and the County's efforts to address conditions at the encampment over a 45-day period running from March 22, 2018 through May 6, 2018.

As previously stated, Miami-Dade County intends to re-evaluate the situation at the encampment at the end of this 45-day period and determine an appropriate next course of action.

After May 6, 2018, Miami-Dade County plans to assess the individuals remaining at the encampment to determine their specific needs so that assistance can be provided. Furthermore, Miami-Dade County has consistently stated that any enforcement action will be carefully evaluated and utilized only as a last resort.

In order to provide clarity as to what that means over the next few days, Miami-Dade County will not begin to take enforcement action relating to the encampment until at least Thursday, May 10, 2018. However, the temporary restrooms, handwashing stations, and garbage cans that have been provided by Miami-Dade County at the encampment may be removed prior to that date.

We hope that this clarification will provide sufficient time to clear up any misunderstandings and misinformation that is being shared among individuals at the encampment and to allow Miami-Dade County with the opportunity to provide correct information as to its next course of action.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. Kemp", written over a horizontal line.

Maurice L. Kemp  
Deputy Mayor