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To: The City Commission for the City of Key West
From: Nicholas Trovato, Assistant City Attorney
Meeting Date: September 14, 2023
Agenda Item: Creating Sections 18-710 and 18-711 to provide for regulation and use of Automated External Defibrillators in Fitness Centers.
Sponsor: Commissioner Weekley

Action Statement:

The proposed ordinance seeks to add Section 18-710 and 18-711 in order to create requirements for automated external defibrillators to be located in fitness centers in order to save a life of another person, if in the event that such person suffers a cardiac event.

Background:

Currently, there are no requirements at the State level to require automated external defibrillators in fitness centers. With the recent uptick in cardiac arrests publicized throughout the country, as well as one locally, the ability to put automated external defibrillators in fitness centers is something that would help the health and safety of community members. The ordinance is crafted to address businesses that engage in active/aerobic types of fitness activities and not the more passive types of activities such as yoga or Pilates studios. A survey of fitness centers was conducted that revealed that most (85%) already have AEDs available with training for most staff members.

Options:

1. To pass the proposed ordinance requiring fitness centers to obtain and train employees in the use of automated external defibrillators.
2. To deny the proposed ordinance, thereby creating an opportunity to have a contested agenda item for the City Commission to consider.

Recommendation:

Pass the proposed ordinance.