

**City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item E-1
December 11, 2012
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL**

City Commission

Mayor Jim Cason

Vice Mayor William H. Kerdyk, Jr.

Commissioner Maria Anderson

Commissioner Rafael “Ralph” Cabrera, Jr.

Commissioner Frank Quesada

City Staff

City Manager, Patrick Salerno

City Attorney, Craig E. Leen

City Clerk, Walter J. Foeman

Deputy City Clerk, Billy Urquia

Public Speaker(s)

E-1 [Start: 10:06:07 a.m.]

An Ordinance relating to Ad Valorem taxation, providing for an increased Homestead Exemption for certain qualifying senior citizens to be applied to millage rates levied by the City of Coral Gables, providing requirement of annual application and submission of supporting documentation, providing for waiver of exemption, providing for an annual increase in income limitation, providing an effective date and inclusion in “Code of City of Coral Gables”, Chapter 66, “Taxation”, by amending Article VI, Sec. 189-190 and adding Sec. 191-195.

Mayor Cason: Alright, E-1 is an Ordinance on First Reading; Mr. Manager would you please read the title of Agenda E-1 into the record.

City Manager Salerno: Thank you Mayor. E-1 is an Ordinance relating to Ad Valorem taxation, providing for an increased Homestead Exemption for certain qualifying senior citizens to be applied to millage rates levied by the City of Coral Gables, providing requirement of annual application and submission of supporting documentation, providing for waiver of exemption, providing for an annual increase in income limitation, providing an effective date and inclusion

in “Code of City of Coral Gables”, Chapter 66, “Taxation”, by amending Article VI, Sec. 189-190 and adding Sec. 191-195.

Mayor Cason: OK, this is a public hearing. Do we have any speaker cards Mr. Clerk?

City Clerk Foeman: No, Mr. Mayor.

City Attorney Leen: Mr. Mayor, I would like to make one point for the record. The prior ordinance passing this exemption for the City does have – right now in our Code there is only Sections 189 and 190, but 191 through 195 was passed as part of that ordinance. For some reason it never got into the Code. So, I just wanted to make that clear for the record, that’s why we are asking you to readopt the entire provision to ensure that, that is placed into the Code.

Mayor Cason: OK. So no speaker cards, so we’ll close the public input portion of this. Any discussion? Do we have...

Commissioner Cabrera: Are we going to somehow do some sort of informational, educational program on this one?

Mayor Cason: I think – this deals with 374 seniors, if I’m not mistaken this is a list that comes from the Property Appraisers, is that correct Mr. Manager?

City Manager Salerno: Yes, it does. This will apply to approximately 374 residents that are currently getting the \$25,000 Homestead Exemption and this will provide a \$50,000 Homestead Exemption in that place.

Mayor Cason: So it passed – they would be notified by the Property Appraisers that they have an additional \$25,000.

City Manager Salerno: We will put out the notification and will contact them and I’m certain that the Property Appraiser will be doing some sort of notification, but whether they do or not we will.

Mayor Cason: OK. Do I have a motion?

Commissioner Cabrera: So moved.

Vice Mayor Kerdyk: I’ll second it.

Mayor Cason: Commissioner Cabrera makes the motion seconded by the Vice Mayor.

City Clerk

Vice Mayor Kerdyk: Yes
Commissioner Quesada: Yes
Commissioner Anderson: Yes
Commissioner Cabrera: Yes
Mayor Cason: Yes
(Vote: 5-0)

[End: 10:08:58 a.m.]