



**City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
April 28, 2009**

ITEM TITLE:

An Ordinance amending Chapter 34 of the "Code of the City of Coral Gables" entitled "Nuisances" and in particular Sections 34-1, entitled "Clearing of Land" 34-22, entitled "Failure to Comply; Forms of Notice to Property Owner", 34-23, entitled, "Cost of Clearing as Lien on Property-Collection, Foreclosure and Sale" by changing the dates upon which a property owner is provided notice upon which to remedy the situation; and providing for severability, repealer, codification, and an effective date.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE CITY MANAGER:

The City Manager recommends approval of the proposed amendments to Chapter 34 of the Code of the City of Coral Gables.

BRIEF HISTORY:

In October of 2008 the City Commission directed that the city administration review the lot clearing ordinance so as to enhance and strengthen the process by which the ordinance could be enforced and provide an expedited review and enforcement procedure for compliance purposes. The intent behind these amendments is to prevent an unsightly and unsanitary property which results from overgrowth, weeds, dead trees, and rubbish and debris in unattended or abandoned properties. Such conditions adversely impact the health, safety and welfare of the city. Currently, the ordinance provides for a 15 day correction period (from the date of service of notice). The proposed amendments reduce the time period to 3 days for corrective action (from the date of service of notice). Thereafter, the city shall order the clearing of the lot(s) by city contractors, and shall assess the property for the costs thereof by filing a super-priority lien.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

Date	Resolution/Ordinance	Comments
	See above	

FINANCIAL INFORMATION: (If Applicable)

No.	Amount	Acct. No.	Source of Funds
	N/A		

APPROVED BY:

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Department Director	City Attorney (If Applicable)	City Manager

ATTACHMENT

1. Draft Ordinance