



**City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
July 13, 2010**

ITEM TITLE:

Resolution of the City Commission of Coral Gables amending Resolution 2009-233 which established fees for various licenses, permits, services, and penalties by the City of Coral Gables, providing for severability, and an effective date.

DEPARTMENT HEAD RECOMMENDATION:

Approve.

BRIEF HISTORY:

Resolution No. 2007-187, passed and adopted by the City Commission on October 10, 2006 established fees for various licenses, permits, services and penalties by the City of Coral Gables. Since then the resolution has been updated various times. Attached is a “marked up version” of the amended resolution with proposed changes showing the existing fees as ~~strike outs~~. There are four portions of the fee resolution with proposed amendments:

1. DEVELOPMENT RELATED FEES

A study was conducted by JRD & Associates, Inc. of the fees charged by the City for development related services.

2. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FEES

In addition, the proposed resolution will align the City of Coral Gables Emergency Medical Services (EMS) transportation fees with similar transportation fees being proposed by Miami-Dade County and other fire rescue service providers. Proposed EMS transportation fee increases will not result in an increase in costs to Coral Gables residents who will continue to pay the prevailing Medicare allowable rate for emergency medical transportation. Additionally, the proposed resolution would also recapture the cost of non-reusable specialty equipment.

3. FIRE CODE FEES

The proposed fire code fee schedule (City Code Section 30-3) amends the minimum fee for all permits found in this section. Fees for conducting re-inspections and reviews of previously approved plans reflect an increase to cover the costs of these services.

4. LIFE SAFETY INSPECTIONS FEES

The proposed life safety inspection fee schedule (City Code Section 30-4) would provide for a uniform method for recapturing fire prevention costs incurred in performing annual commercial life safety inspections. Under the current fee schedule, occupancies were defined in multiple categories for billing purposes, each with a different fee schedule. Under the proposed annual life safety inspection fee schedule, there would be two occupational classifications created for billing purposes – commercial non-residential and multi-family residential. The fees for commercial non-residential occupancies would be based on the square footage. Fees for multi-family residential occupancies would be assessed on the total number of units in the building.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

Date:	Resolution/Ordinance No.	Comments
10-10-06	Resolution No. 2006-187	Established fee resolution
12-12-06	Resolution No. 2006-211	Amended fee resolution
06-26-07	Resolution No. 2007-153	Amended fee resolution

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10-23-07	Resolution No. 2007-245	Amended fee resolution
11-18-08	Resolution No. 2008-201 (As Amended)	Amended fee resolution
07-07-09	Resolution No. 2009-195	Amended fee resolution
07-29-09	Resolution No. 2009-218	Amended fee resolution
08-25-09	Resolution No. 2009-233	Amended fee resolution

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION(S):

Date	Form of Notification

APPROVED BY:

Department Director	City Attorney (If Applicable)	City Manager

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Draft resolution of amended portions