

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES AMENDING ZONING CODE ARTICLE 5, SECTION 5-1802, "SCREENING OF ROOFTOP EQUIPMENT", UPDATING SCREENING REQUIREMENTS FOR MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEALER, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Building and Zoning Department has requested an amendment to the text of the Zoning Code for "Screening of rooftop equipment", updating screening requirements for mechanical equipment; and

WHEREAS, after notice duly published, a public hearing was held before the Planning and Zoning Board on January 14, 2009, at which hearing all interested parties were afforded the opportunity to be heard; and

WHEREAS, the Board was presented with a text amendment to the Zoning Code, and after due consideration, recommended approval (vote: 7-0) of the amendment; and

WHEREAS, after notice duly published, a public hearing for First Reading was held before the City Commission on February 10, 2009 at which hearing all interested parties were afforded the opportunity to be heard; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission was presented with a text amendment to the Zoning Code, and after due consideration and discussion, approved the amendment on First Reading (vote: 3-0); and

WHEREAS, after notice duly published, a public hearing for Second Reading was held before the City Commission on February 24, 2009 at which hearing all interested parties were afforded the opportunity to be heard.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. The foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Ordinance upon adoption hereof.

SECTION 2. The Zoning Code of the City of Coral Gables is hereby amended as follows (changes in ~~striketrough~~ / underline format):

Article 5. Development Standards

Division 18. Screening

Section 5-1802. Screening of rooftop equipment.

Air-cooled condensing and/or compressor equipment, water cooling towers and any other type of mechanical or service equipment or apparatus installed on roofs of all buildings constructed on or after October 1, 1969, shall be screened from view ~~by a parapet or some other type masonry wall or screening.~~ subject to the discretion and approval from the Board of Architects for design and screening material. Landscaping may be used as a screening material at the discretion of the Board of Architects.

Those buildings constructed prior to October 1, 1969, shall be exempt from this requirement until such time as renovation or rehabilitation of any portion of said building is permitted. At the time of permitting for any renovations or rehabilitation in which the value of such construction exceeds twenty (20%) percent of the assessed value of the structure, any air-conditioning and/or mechanical apparatus mounted on roof tops, whether new or existing, shall be screened. Said screen shall be ~~constructed so as to conceal the machinery from the eye on a horizontal plane of observation.~~ subject to the discretion and approval from the Board of Architects for design and screening material.

SECTION 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. If any section, part of section, paragraph, clause, phrase or word of this Ordinance is declared invalid, the remaining provisions of this Ordinance shall not be affected.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the City Commission that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of Ordinance No. 2007-01 as amended and known as the “Zoning Code” of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, which provisions may be renumbered or re-lettered and the word ordinance be changed to “section”, “article”, or other appropriate word to accomplish such intention.

SECTION 6. This ordinance shall become effective upon the date of its adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, A.D., 2009.
(Moved: _____ / Seconded: _____)
(_____, _____, _____, _____, _____)
(Vote: ____ - ____)
(Agenda Item ____)

DONALD D. SLESNICK II
MAYOR

ATTEST:

WALTER J. FOEMAN
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM
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ELIZABETH M. HERNANDEZ
CITY ATTORNEY

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