



**City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
September 26, 2023**

ITEM TITLE:

Ordinance on First Reading.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA AMENDING THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES CODE BY CREATING CHAPTER 2 "ADMINISTRATION," ARTICLE VII "FINANCE," DIVISION 1 "GENERALLY," SECTION 2-352 FUND BALANCE AND RESERVE POLICY," TO CODIFY THE FUND BALANCE AND RESERVE POLICY ESTABLISH PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION NO. 2016-34 AND TO REQUIRE A FOUR-FIFTHS VOTE OF THE CITY COMMISSION PRIOR TO SPENDING GENERAL FUND RESERVES, EXCEPT DURING A DECLARED STATE OF EMERGENCY, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE POLICY MAY BE AMENDED BY ORDINANCE APPROVED BY A FOUR-FIFTHS VOTE OF THE CITY COMMISSION; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER PROVISION, SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, CODIFICATION, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

BRIEF HISTORY:

In September of 2004 the City Commission adopted Resolution 2004-196 establishing a General Reserve policy at 10% of each year's operating budget. Since then, the City Commission has adopted resolution 2012-25 establishing a fund balance policy consistent with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 54 and amended the General Fund Reserve Policy amount from 10 percent to 25 percent, including a \$3,000,000 contingency reserve in the insurance fund, and established Reserve Policy language within the existing fund balance. This Fund Balance and Reserve Policy was adopted by the City Commission in Resolution No. 2016-34.

This policy has furthered the City's goals of financial integrity and stability and the City Commission wishes to codify the Fund Balance and Reserve policy to require that, except for funds necessary during a declaration of a state of emergency, funds in the General Fund Reserve can only be spent upon adoption of a resolution (or ordinance where required) approved by a four-fifths (4/5) vote of the City Commission. Any changes to the Fund Balance and Reserve Policy can only be accomplished by an ordinance approved by a four-fifths (4/5) vote of the City Commission.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

No.	Amount	Account No.	Source of Funds
Total: N/A			

Fiscal Impact: None.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Draft Ordinance