



City of Coral Gables  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
**March 23, 2021**

**ITEM TITLE:**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING THE CONCEPT OF NEIGHBORHOOD PROTECTION ZONES AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO IMPLEMENT THE CONCEPT.

**BRIEF HISTORY:**

It is well established that proximity to certain land uses increases instances of vehicle intrusion into residential neighborhoods. Such intrusion can cause parking congestion, damaged property, endanger pedestrians and reduce quality of life. City staff has identified commercial areas, public centers such as libraries, parks, community centers, schools, churches, hospitals, and the University of Miami as land uses that consistently lead to increased pedestrian, parking and vehicular pressure on nearby residential areas.

Thus, to reduce parking overflow into neighborhoods and mitigate problematic conditions associated with it, Public Works staff recommends the implementation of Neighborhood Protection Zones (NPZs) to designate areas within 1/10 mile of specified land uses in accordance with the attached map. The idea of NPZs has been favorably discussed in the past, including at the July 11, 2017 and December 11, 2018 City Commission Meetings.

Properties located within NPZs will have access to a variety of options to address the unique problems they face due to heightened parking intrusion, including the construction of sidewalks fully funded by the City, access to the City's swale planting package at no cost, and the ability to install restrictive signage. Outside of NPZs, which require unique treatment for the aforementioned reasons, the City Commission will continue to support a policy to reduce sign pollution throughout the City.

City staff will undertake an educational campaign to inform residents about NPZs prior to implementation.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

- 1. Draft Resolution**
- 2. NPZ radius maps**