

CITY OF CORAL GABLES

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO REDUCE PERMIT FEES ASSOCIATED WITH THE REPLACEMENT OF CHINESE DRYWALL AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA:

WHEREAS, in 2006 and 2007, more than 550 million pounds of drywall and associated building materials were imported from China to the United States; and

WHEREAS, testing by Florida officials found that drywall imported from China contains potentially hazardous levels of strontium sulfide, which, when exposed to moisture and humidity, can release hydrogen sulfide into the air; and

WHEREAS, a few cases of Chinese drywall have been reported in the City of Coral Gables; and

WHEREAS, the City of Coral Gables wishes to assist homeowners already facing costly replacement of the Chinese drywall; and

WHEREAS, in consideration of such unexpected costly repairs and the unsafe condition created by being exposed to Chinese drywall, the City Commission has determined that it is in the best interest of the City to provide for a reduction in permit fees associated with the replacement of Chinese drywall.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES THAT:

SECTION 1. That the foregoing "Whereas" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon adoption hereof.

SECTION 2. That the City Commission does hereby authorize City staff to reduce permit fees for Chinese drywall replacement permits by 50%, following the submission of test results confirming the existence of Chinese drywall and signed statement by the owner confirming the permitted work is limited to the Chinese drywall replacement.

SECTION 3. That the property owner, or applicant on behalf of the property owner, will be required to follow the complete permitting and inspection process, satisfying all requirements for the building permit and certificate of completion of such work.

SECTION 4. That all Resolutions or parts of Resolutions inconsistent with, or in conflict herewith, shall be and are hereby repealed insofar as there is conflict or inconsistency.

SECTION 5. That this Resolution shall become effective as of August 1, 2010.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS FOURTEENTH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2010.

APPROVED:

**DONALD D. SLESNICK, II
MAYOR**

ATTEST:

**WALTER FOEMAN
CITY CLERK**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM
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**ELIZABETH M. HERNANDEZ
CITY ATTORNEY**