

**City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting**  
**Agenda Item F-3**  
**February 15, 2022**  
**City Commission Chambers**  
**405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL**

**City Commission**

**Mayor Vince Lago**

**Vice Mayor Michael Mena**

**Commissioner Rhonda Anderson**

**Commissioner Jorge Fors**

**Commissioner Kirk Menendez**

**City Staff**

**City Manager, Peter Iglesias**

**City Attorney, Miriam Ramos**

**City Clerk, Billy Urquia**

**Planning and Zoning Director, Ramon Trias**

**Public Speaker(s)**

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Agenda Item F-3 [Start: 10:36 a.m.]

An Ordinance of the City Commission amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Coral Gables by amending Chapter 6, Section 6-3, “Retail beverage store and retail liquor store licenses issued for to bona fide restaurants” to allow restaurants of 150 seats or over to serve alcoholic beverages or intoxicating liquors from bars; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date.

Mayor Lago: Moving onto F-3.

City Attorney Ramos: F-3 is An Ordinance of the City Commission amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Coral Gables by amending Chapter 6, Section 6-3, “Retail beverage store and retail liquor store licenses issued for to bona fide restaurants” to allow restaurants of 150 seats or over to serve alcoholic beverages or intoxicating liquors from bars; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date. This is a public hearing item and it’s on first reading.

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Planning and Zoning Director Trias: Mayor, as you know, the state regulates the sale of alcohol in addition, the zoning code has some regulations as far as the proper zoning designation and in addition, the city code limits the number of seats for a bar, specifically a bar within a restaurant to 200. The change is a change of a number from 200 to 150.

Mayor Lago: If I may. I'm bringing, even though I didn't sponsor this item, I'm bringing this before you. I should have sponsored this. I don't know why my name is not on it, but we have an issue, we have a little bit of a conflict with certain restaurants and the amount of seats that are required versus what the state is saying. So, this is just basically clearing up the inconsistencies in between the state and the city, is that a good way of putting it, or no?

City Manager Iglesias: Yes Mayor. And we feel that restaurants have 37 tables is sufficient to do that. So, this really ties our code to the state code.

Planning and Zoning Director Trias: So, all the regulations remain, it only changes the number of seats, that's the only change.

Mayor Lago: Anybody has any questions or any other additional comments?

Commissioner Anderson: No.

Mayor Lago: I'll entertain a motion.

Commissioner Menendez: Move it.

Commissioner Anderson: Second.

Commissioner Anderson: Yes

Commissioner Fors: Yes

Vice Mayor Mena: Yes

Commissioner Menendez: Yes

Mayor Lago: Yes

(Vote: 5-0)