

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

ORDINANCE NO. 2010-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA AMENDING THE ZONING CODE, ARTICLE 5, DIVISION 19, ENTITLED, SIGNS, AND ARTICLE 8 PROVIDING FOR PROVISIONS FOR MONUMENT SIGNS; 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 to provide regulations to clarify the Zoning Code in relation to monument signs; and

WHEREAS, the issue of monument signage was discussed during the Zoning Code Rewrite, but was deferred; and

WHEREAS, after notice duly published, a public hearing was held before the Planning and Zoning Board on January 13, 2010, at which hearing all interested parties were afforded the opportunity to be heard; and

WHEREAS, the Board was presented with the text amendment to the Zoning Code, and after due consideration, recommended approval (vote: 6-0) of the amendment; and

WHEREAS, after notice duly published, a public hearing for First Reading was held before the City Commission on February 10, 2010 at which hearing all interested parties were afforded the opportunity to be heard; and

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

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. That the Zoning Code of the City of Coral Gables is hereby amended as follows (changes in strikethrough/underline format):

Article 5. Development Standards

Division 19. Signs

Section 5-1905. Detached signs.

Detached signs are subject to the following provisions:

A. Specific locations. Except as provided for under Sections 5-1905(B) and 5-1907, detached signs will be permitted only upon premises zoned for commercial or industrial use and facing, abutting and fronting upon U.S. Route 1, (also known as South Dixie Highway) or upon Southwest Eighth Street, subject to the following conditions and restrictions:

5. A monument sign may contain up to three (3) building tenant names subject to the discretion of the Board of Architects and the following conditions and limitations:
 - a. Monument sign structure shall not exceed six (6) feet in height.
 - b. Monument signs shall not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in total area.
 - c. Monument signs shall be landscaped subject to the discretion of the Board of Architects.
 - d. Monument signs shall be located a minimum of five (5) feet from any right-of-way, sidewalk or driveway.
 - e. Only one (1) such sign shall be permitted on any one (1) premises.
 - f. No monument shall be placed or constructed in such a manner as to produce an unsafe visual clearance at any intersection or driveway location.

Article 8. Definitions

Monument signs means a free standing sign supported primarily by an internal structural framework or other solid structural features other than support poles. This sign is designed to incorporate design and building materials which compliment the architectural theme of the buildings of the premises.

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. That this ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TWENTY-THIRD DAY OF FEBRUARY, A.D., 2010.

(Moved: Cabrera / Seconded: Anderson)

(Yea: Withers, Anderson, Cabrera, Kerdyk)

(Majority: 4-0) Vote

(Agenda Item: E-1)

APPROVED

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MAYOR

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