

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-121

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA URGING GOVERNOR DESANTIS TO VETO SENATE BILL 942, A BILL PREEMPTING LOCAL GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS SPECIFIC TO DOG BREED, WEIGHT, OR SIZE.

WHEREAS, during the 2023 Legislative Session the Florida Legislature passed Senate Bill 942, titled “An act relating to the authorization of restrictions concerning dogs; amending s. 767.14, F.S.; authorizing public housing authorities to adopt certain policies relating to dogs; restricting the types of ordinances and policies that may be adopted; removing an exemption for local breed-specific ordinances adopted before a specified date; providing an effective date”; and

WHEREAS, the bill amends Florida Statute §767.14 to prohibit local governments and public housing entities from addressing safety and welfare concerns caused by attacks on persons or domestic animals if those regulations are specific to breed, weight, or size of the animal; and

WHEREAS, this bill would remove the grandfathering of previous local legislation addressing restrictions on dog breeds; and

WHEREAS, currently Miami-Dade County Code, applicable in Coral Gables, contains provisions related to and regulating a certain dog breed which would be preempted by this bill; and

WHEREAS, as the City looks to increase its number of dog parks and the City continues to regulate and address health, safety, and welfare concerns that arise as more dogs and people, especially children, interact in City facilities, the City is concerned that the adoption of this bill will limit the County and City’s ability to address those problems;

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

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

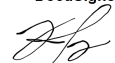
SECTION 2. That the City Commission hereby urges Governor Ron DeSantis to veto Senate Bill 942 when presented to him.

SECTION 3. That this Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TWENTY-THIRD DAY OF MAY, A.D., 2023.


(Moved: Menendez / Seconded: Anderson)
(Yeas: Castro, Fernandez, Menendez, Anderson, Lago)
(Unanimous: 5-0 Vote)
(Non-Agenda Item)

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