

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-\_\_**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY CODE TO CREATE CHAPTER 62, "STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES," ARTICLE VII "SPECIAL EVENTS AND PARADES," DIVISION 1 "GENERALLY" SECTION 62-265 "PROHIBITION ON USE OF PLASTIC-RELATED OR METALLIZED DECORATIONS AND RELEASE OF BALLOONS" TO AMEND THE CITY CODE TO ADD A PROHIBITION ON THE USE OF CERTAIN PLASTIC RELATED OR METALLIZED DECORATIVE MATERIAL AND PROHIBIT THE RELEASE OF BALLOONS BY SPECIAL EVENT PERMITTEES IN THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEALER, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

**WHEREAS**, the City has noticed an increase in litter caused by small plastic and metallized decorations throughout City parks and facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, consistent with the City's goal of environmental protection, sustainability, and out of concern for the marine environment, wildlife, aesthetics, and public safety, the City Commission wishes to prohibit the use of certain decorative items by special event permittees and those holding rental facility permits outdoors in City parks and facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the new code provision also provides that any permittee must clean up any released, disbursed or scattered prohibited items and prohibits the release of any balloons by special event permittees;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA:**

**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 Ordinance upon adoption hereof.

**SECTION 2.** That the City Commission does hereby amend Chapter 62, "Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places," Article VII "Special Events and Parades," Division 1

“Generally” to create Section 62-265 “Prohibition on use of plastic-related or metallized decorations and release of balloons” as indicated in the attached Exhibit A<sup>1</sup>:

**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3.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.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 Commission of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made part of the City Code and that the sections of this “ordinance” may be changed to “section”, “article”, or such other appropriate word or phrase in order to accomplish such intentions.

**SECTION 6.** If the City Code Table of Contents or other reference portion is affected by these provisions, then changes are approved as a part of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 7.** This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, A.D. 2025.

APPROVED:

VINCE LAGO

MAYOR

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<sup>1</sup> Deletions are indicated by ~~striethrough~~. Insertions are indicated by underline.

ATTEST:

BILLY Y. URQUIA

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM

AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

CRISTINA M. SUÁREZ

CITY ATTORNEY

