

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-__

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES ZONING CODE ARTICLE 14 “PROCESS”, SECTION 14-103.2 “MEMBERSHIP; TERMS; VACANCIES; REMOVAL” TO AMEND THE MANNER IN WHICH ONE OF THE REQUIRED SEVEN MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF ARCHITECTS IS APPOINTED, PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER PROVISION, SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City Zoning Code contains a provision which governs requirements and appointments of members of the City’s Board of Architects; and

WHEREAS, currently the Board of Architects consists of a minimum of seven members appointed by the City Manager, subject to the approval of the City Commission; and

WHEREAS, members of the City’s Board of Architects shall be registered architects or landscape architects responsible for the design and construction of projects within the City of Coral Gables during the last five years and shall have a minimum of ten years’ experience in their profession; and

WHEREAS, members shall also either be residents of the City of Coral Gables or have their principal place of business within the City of Coral Gables; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission would like to directly appoint one of the seven required members of the Board of Architects from a pool of prequalified potential members selected by the City Architect.

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 Article 14- Process, Section 14-103.2 “Membership; Terms; Vacancies; Removal” of the City Code of Coral Gables Zoning Code be amended as follows¹:

Section 14-103.2. Membership; Terms; Vacancies; Removal.

¹ Deletions are indicated by ~~strikethrough~~. Insertions are indicated by underline.

A. Membership.

1. The Board of Architects shall be composed of at least seven (7) members who serve as either regular or alternate members, depending on their designation at appointment.
2. The City Commission shall appoint one (1) of the required seven (7) members as a Commission-as-a-Whole appointee. The City Architect shall provide the City Commission with a pool of qualified applicants, as outlined in subsection (3), for their consideration.
3. The City Manager, subject to the approval of the City Commission, shall appoint ~~all~~ the remaining regular and alternate members of the Board of Architects, considering the following qualifications:
 - a. Each member shall have been a registered architect or landscape architect responsible for the design and construction of projects within the City of Coral Gables during the last five (5) years and shall have a minimum of ten (10) years experience in their profession.
 - b. Each member shall either be a resident or have their principal place of business in the City of Coral Gables.

B. Terms. The members of the Board of Architects shall serve at the pleasure of the City Commission. The terms of the members shall be as follows:

1. Two (2) years per term.
2. The term of the members of the Board of Architects shall be so established that the terms of two (2) members of the Board will expire on June 30 and December 31 of each year, and two (2) new members will be appointed on July 1 and January 1 of each year.

C. Vacancies. Appointments to fill any vacancy on the Board shall be for the remainder of the unexpired term.

D. Removal. Any member of the Board of Architects may be removed with or without cause by a majority vote of the City Commission. Regular board members shall be automatically terminated for twelve (12) unexcused absences in a twelve (12) month period. Excused absences shall include illness and absence from the City.

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 of Coral Gables Zoning 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 Zoning Code Table of Contents or other reference portions 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. 2023.

APPROVED:

VINCE LAGO

MAYOR

ATTEST:

BILLY Y. URQUIA

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM

AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

CRISTINA M. SUÁREZ

CITY ATTORNEY