

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item E-11
December 9, 2025
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

Mayor Vince Lago

Vice Mayor Rhonda Anderson

Commissioner Melissa Castro

Commissioner Ariel Fernandez

Commissioner Richard D. Lara

City Staff

City Attorney, Cristina Suárez

City Manager, Peter Iglesias

City Clerk, Billy Urquia

Planning and Zoning Director, Jennifer Garcia

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item E-11 [Start: 11:28 a.m.]

An Ordinance of the City Commission providing for text amendments to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code by amending Section 3-200, “Principal Uses”; amending Section 3-201, “Group Homes, Assisted Living Facilities, and Child Care Facilities,” to clarify statutory capacity and licensing requirements; adding Section 3-202, “Certified Recovery Residences,” to establish procedures for review and approval consistent with state and federal law; amending Article 16, “Definitions,” to add definitions for “Adult Day Care Center,” “Certified Recovery Residence,” “Dwelling Unit,” and “Group Residential Home”; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date. (11 19 25 PZB recommended approval, Vote 7-0)

Mayor Lago: E-11.

City Attorney Suarez: E-11 is an Ordinance to the City Commission providing for text amendments to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code by amending Section 3-200

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“Principal Uses,” amending Section 3-201 “Group Homes Assisted Living Facilities and Child Care Facilities to clarify statutory capacity and licensing requirements adding Section 3-202 “Certified Recovery Residences” to establish procedures for review and approval consistent with state and federal law amending article 16 “Definitions” to add definitions for “Adult Day Care Centers” “Certified Recovery Residence” “Dwelling Unit” and “Group Residential Home” providing for repealer provision severability clause codification and providing for an effective date.

Planning and Zoning Director: Jennifer Garcia, Planning and Zoning Director. The state enacted state statutes are requiring counties and municipalities in the State of Florida to amend our code and to put in approval and standards for the Certified Recovery Residences in our in our city. So, what you have here is pretty much what we're required to add into our code to be able to review these to be able to issue this license for the Certified Recovery Residences, as well as tweaking some of the definitions of our zoning code to make sure that they comply with state statutes.

Mayor Lago: Any public comment Mr. Clerk?

City Clerk Urquia: No Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Lago: Any comment from the Commission? If not, I'll entertain a motion.

Vice Mayor Anderson: Move it.

Commissioner Fernandez: I'll second.

Mayor Lago: Thank you.

Commissioner Lara: Yes

Vice Mayor Anderson: Yes

Commissioner Castro: Yes

Commissioner Fernandez: Yes

Mayor Lago: Yes

(Vote: 5-0)

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