

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING A PRIVATE SECURITY CAMERA REGISTRY AND PROVIDING INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR SECURITY CAMERA INSTALLATION, PROVIDING FOR REPEALER, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City is currently installing Closed Caption Television (CCTV) cameras throughout the City in order to aid law enforcement in the apprehension of individuals who commit crimes; and

WHEREAS, CCTV cameras create a geofence around the City thereby making the City safer for residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, CCTV cameras are generally installed in the public right-of-way or on private property adjacent to the public right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, it is beneficial to law enforcement to have access to footage captured by security cameras located on private property as they serve to augment the benefit that CCTV cameras provide by capturing additional footage that may be of use in solving a crime; and

WHEREAS, security or surveillance cameras may also serve to deter individuals from committing crimes; and

WHEREAS, in order to aid law enforcement in this effort, the City Commission wishes to encourage property owners to point at least one (1) security camera located on their property, toward the public right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission also wishes to create a registry for private security cameras encouraging individuals, who have operational security cameras on their property, that are pointed toward the public right-of-way, to register the same with the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission wishes to provide incentives to encourage registration and the future installation of surveillance cameras by private property owners; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that the existence of security cameras is a record or information revealing a security system and is therefore confidential and exempt from the public record under Sections 119.071(3)(a) and 281.301(1), F.S.

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. Section 26-47 of the Code of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, under Ch. 26, Article II is hereby created to read as follows:

Chapter 26 – Emergency Services

Article II. – Burglary, Fire and Robbery Alarms

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Sec. 26-47 – Security Camera Registry; Incentives.

(a) *Registry.* The City establishes a voluntary security camera registry and encourages all private property owners to point at least one (1) security camera on their property toward the public right-of-way and register the location of the security camera with the City. Upon receipt of a public records request under Ch. 119, F.S., the City will assert the exemption provided in Sections 119.071(3)(a) and 281.031, F.S. and defend it to the fullest extent of the law.

(b) *Incentives.* In order to encourage property owners to register private security cameras which they currently own and to install and register private security cameras in the future, the City will provide the following incentives:

- (1) The City will waive the alarm permit fee for the installation of a new alarm system that includes security cameras or the upgrade of a current alarm system that includes security cameras; and
- (2) Property owners who register and/or install and register security cameras, and who point at least one (1) security camera toward the public right-of-way will be permitted two (2) additional false alarms waivers in a calendar year.

SECTION 3. City administration shall initiate discussions with private alarm companies to negotiate the establishment of a City-wide discount program for property owners who install security cameras using those companies and subsequently register the security cameras with the City.

SECTION 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. 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 6. It is the intention of the City Commission that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the City Code, 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 7. If the City Code’s Tables of Contents, Supplemental History Table, or other reference portions are affected by these provisions, then changes are approved as a part of this Ordinance.

SECTION 8. This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, A.D. 2017.

APPROVED:

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

WALTER FOEMAN
CITY CLERK

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CITY ATTORNEY