

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-__

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 58, ENTITLED “SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS,” ARTICLE V- “MASTER SERVICE ASSESSMENT”, DIVISION 2- “ASSESSMENTS”, SECTION 58-253 “NOTICE OF PUBLICATION”, IN REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT FOR NEWSPAPER PUBLICATION AND INCORPORATE THE PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED DEFINITION OF PUBLICATION; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER PROVISION, SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, in 2022 the State Legislature adopted HB 7049- Legal Notices, amending the legal notice requirements in Chapter 50, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS beginning January 1, 2023 Cities are now permitted to publish all required legal notices and advertisements on a publicly accessible website as specified in Florida Statute 50.0311; and

WHEREAS, the City has traditionally advertised and published required notices in newspapers of general circulation however, there have been recent cost increases and fewer options available for publication in newspapers; and

WHEREAS, as the number of newspaper subscribers continues to shrink and the City turns to more responsive and lower cost online notices, including e-news, social media, and the City’s revised website, the City amended both the Zoning Code and City Code, in Ordinances 2024-02 and 2024-03 to take advantage of the option to publish legal notices on a publicly accessible website; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County established a County-wide website for legal notices, as required in Florida Statutes, and the City has utilized that website for legal notices with much success; and

WHEREAS, the City proceeds to publish annual notices in a newspaper of general circulation pointing residents to the City’s online notices as required in Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, a scrivener’s error inadvertently omitted the codified portions of Ordinance 2015-09 from the updated language in Ordinance 2024-02 and this Ordinance clarifies that newspaper publication requirement in Section 58-253 of the City Code has been replaced with the

definition of publication previously adopted by the City Commission, and provides for the use of publication of legal notices on a publicly accessible website, consistent with state law.

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 Chapter 58- Special Assessments, Article V- Master Service Assessment,. Division 2- Assessments, Section 58-253 “Notice by Publication” of the City of Coral Gables City Code be amended as indicated as follows¹:

Sec. 58-253. Notice by publication.

(a) Upon completion of the assessment roll for the initial year and each year thereafter, the finance director shall publish, or direct the publication of, ~~once in a newspaper of general circulation within the city~~ a notice stating that at a meeting of the commission on a certain day and hour, not earlier than 20 calendar days from such publication, which meeting shall be a regular, adjourned, or special meeting, the commission will hold a public hearing and hear objections of all interested persons to the final assessment resolution which shall establish the rate of assessment and approve the aforementioned initial assessment roll.

(b) The published notice shall conform to the requirements set forth in the Uniform Assessment Collection Act. Such notice shall include: (1) a geographic depiction of the property subject to the service assessment; (2) a brief and general description of the services, facilities, or programs to be provided; (3) the rate of assessment including a maximum assessment rate in the event one was adopted by in the initial assessment resolution; (4) the procedure for objecting provided in section 58-255; (5) the method by which the service assessment will be collected; and (6) a statement that the initial assessment roll is available for inspection at the office of the city clerk and all interested persons may ascertain the amount to be assessed against a parcel of assessed property at the office of the city clerk.

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.

^{1 1} Deletions are indicated by ~~striketrough~~. Insertions are indicated by underline.

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 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 of Coral Gables City 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. 2025.

APPROVED:

VINCE LAGO

MAYOR

ATTEST:

BILLY Y. URQUIA

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM

AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

CRISTINA M. SUÁREZ

CITY ATTORNEY