



City of Coral Gables  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
September 13, 2022

**ITEM TITLE:**

**ORDINANCE ON FIRST READING.** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA AMENDING CHAPTER 34 "NUISANCES", ARTICLE XI "NUISANCE ABATEMENT" SECTIONS 34-305 "DEFINITIONS" AND 34-307 "PROCEDURES" OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, BY ADDING STORAGE OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TO THE DEFINITION OF "PUBLIC NUISANCE" AND CREATING AN EXPEDITED NUISANCE ABATEMENT PROCESS, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, REPEALER PROVISION, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

**BRIEF HISTORY:**

The City's nuisance abatement procedures protect the general public from properties that repeatedly violate the law or otherwise adversely affect the health and welfare of the community or the free use and enjoyment of another's property. It is well known that public nuisances can exist anywhere in the city, on properties of every character and use, including residential, commercial, home office etc. Some public nuisances can pose an immediate harm to persons or property and warrant an expedited resolution.

This ordinance expands the definition of "public nuisance" to include properties that on more than one occasion or for more than 24 hours, in a manner that is detrimental or dangerous to persons or property within the city, stores or disposes of any corrosive, combustible, hazardous, or flammable materials or liquids. This ordinance also creates an expedited nuisance abatement process for nuisances that pose an immediate threat of harm to persons or property. The expedited process includes notice and a hearing.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. **Draft Ordinance**
2. **Exhibit 1**