

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION 2022-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, IESTABLISHING A GOAL TO CEASE USE OF GAS OPERATED LEAF BLOWERS BY CITY STAFF AND CITY CONTRACTORS BY 2024

WHEREAS, the City of Coral Gables has a strong commitment to sustainability and green initiatives, as indicated by the Commission’s adoption of various legislative items, the City’s waiver of permit fees for solar installations, and many other actions of the City; and

WHEREAS, over the last two years the City has been piloting the use of electric leaf blowers in certain areas where their usage is practical; and

WHEREAS, due to the City’s extensive tree canopy and the limitations of current commercial equipment the City is not yet able to transition away from all gas powered leaf blowers; and

WHEREAS, as technology continues to improve and evolve the City wants to look towards transitioning from gas/ fossil fuel powered leaf blowers to electric leaf blowers; and

WHEREAS, while the technology is not yet up to the standards needed by City staff and City contractors the City is hopeful that machinery and technology will continue to progress and if acceptable equipment is available at a later date, the City wishes to transition to electric leaf blowers in 2024; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES:

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 Resolution upon adoption hereof.

SECTION 2. That the City Commission hereby sets a goal for City staff and contractors to transition to electric leaf blowers in 2024, if acceptable electric leaf blowers are then available.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS ____ DAY OF MAY, A.D., 2022.

(Moved: ____/ Seconded: ____)

(Yeas:)

(Unanimous:)

(Non-Agenda Item)

APPROVED:

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