



**City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
January 26, 2016**

ITEM TITLE:

Ordinance on Second Reading. An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida, amending the City of Coral Gables Code, by creating Section 38-12, titled “Penalty enhancements for bias motivated violations of the City Code or Zoning Code”; providing for repealer, severability, codification, and an effective date.

BRIEF HISTORY:

This Ordinance creates a new Section of Chapter 38 of the City Code, to provide penalty enhancements for bias motivated violations of the City Code or Zoning Code.

While Florida Statute Section 775.085(1)(a) provides for penalty enhancements for certain bias motivated crimes, the City Code does not currently contain a parallel provision. This Ordinance supplements Florida Statute Section 775.085(1)(a) by providing penalty enhancements for bias motivated violations of the City Code or Zoning Code which are not already enhanced by Florida Statute Section 775.085.

Pursuant to the Commission’s request at the hearing on First Reading, the Ordinance now provides for entitlement to injunctive or other equitable relief as well as reasonable attorneys’ fees and costs in obtaining that relief.

REVIEWED BY:

City Attorney	City Manager

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Draft Ordinance – City Code