

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-08**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION AMENDING CHAPTER 6, SECTION 6-3, "RETAIL BEVERAGE STORE AND RETAIL LIQUOR STORE LICENSES ISSUED TO BONA FIDE RESTAURANTS" TO ALLOW RESTAURANTS OF 150 SEATS OR OVER TO SERVE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OR INTOXICATING LIQUORS FROM BARS; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER PROVISION, SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, CODIFICATION, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 6, Section 6-3 sets forth regulations regarding restaurant's ability to serve alcoholic beverages or intoxicating liquors from bars; and

**WHEREAS**, the current regulation requires restaurants to have 200 seats or over in order to serve alcoholic beverages or intoxicating liquors from bars; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission wishes to amend this requirement by reducing the number of seats required from 200 to 150 seats for restaurants in order serve alcoholic beverages or intoxicating liquors from bars;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED 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 hereby made a specific part of this Ordinance upon adoption hereof.

**SECTION 2.** That Chapter 6, Section 6-3 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Coral Gables is hereby amended as follows<sup>1</sup>:

**Chapter 6 - ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

**Sec. 6-3. Retail beverage store and retail liquor store licenses issued to bona fide restaurants.**

- (a) Retail beverage store and retail liquor store licenses issued by the state to bona fide restaurants of 50 seats or over, as permitted by the Charter and state law, shall not permit the sale of alcoholic beverages and/or intoxicating beverages from bars, but shall permit only the serving of such alcoholic beverages at restaurant tables or counters at which food is regularly served. No such licenses may be issued except to restaurants where the principal and primary business consists of dispensing and serving of food.
- (b) Retail liquor store licenses issued by the state to bona fide restaurants of ~~200~~ 150 seats or over, as permitted by the Charter and state law, shall permit the sale of alcoholic beverages or intoxicating liquors from bars and tables where food is regularly served. No such licenses may be issued except to restaurants, cafes, cafeterias and delicatessens where the principal and primary business consists of dispensing and serving of food.

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<sup>1</sup> Deletions are indicated by strikethrough. Insertions are indicated by underline.

**SECTION 3.** All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances that are inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are 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.

**SECTION 5.** It is the intention of the City Commission of the City of Coral Gables, Florida 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 Ordinance be changed to “section”, “article” , or such other appropriate word or phrase in order to accomplish such intentions.


**SECTION 6.** This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon the date of passage and its adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS EIGHTH DAY OF MARCH, A.D., 2022.  
(Moved: Menendez / Seconded: Anderson)  
(Yeas: Fors, Jr., Menendez, Anderson, Lago)  
(Absent: Mena)  
(Unanimous: 4-0 Vote)  
(Agenda Item: F-2)


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