



City of Coral Gables  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
June 8, 2021

**ITEM TITLE:**

**Ordinance on First Reading.** An Ordinance of the City Commission of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, amending Chapter 34—Nuisances, Article VI “Noise,” Section 34-170 “Exemptions” of the City Code to create an exemption for outdoor live amplified music on private property in the Central Business District, subject to approval of a permit and conditions; providing for severability, repealer, and codification; and providing for an effective date. (Sponsored by Vice Mayor Mena)

**BRIEF HISTORY:**

Pursuant to City Code section 34-169, outdoor live amplified music generated on the private property of a restaurant establishment is likely to constitute a violation of the City’s noise ordinance, unless the outdoor live amplified music is at a sound level low enough not to constitute a prohibited act. While the special events process allows for higher sound levels (up to 75 dBA if adjacent to a residential area and up to 85 dBA if not adjacent to a residential area), the special events process may be burdensome and cost-prohibitive for restaurant establishments that would like to offer outdoor live amplified music on an ongoing basis.

The proposed ordinance creates an additional exemption to the City’s noise ordinance, such that outdoor live amplified music on private property in the Central Business District shall be allowed, if the establishment has an active outdoor dining permit and, subject to a permit approved by the City Manager or his or her designee and certain additional conditions, including hours of operation and maximum sound levels.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. Draft Ordinance