

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

ORDINANCE NO. 2010-

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES COMMISSION CREATING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CITY CODE, ARTICLE III, DIVISION 1, SECTION 2-64, A GREEN TASK FORCE AND SETTING FORTH GUIDELINES BY WHICH SUCH TASK FORCE SHALL BE GOVERNED; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEALER, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, ensuring the quality of life for the future of Coral Gables requires a strong commitment from City government, residents, and businesses to environmentally sustainable measures; and

WHEREAS, the available scientific evidence suggests the existence of serious and escalating threats to our environment as a result of a continuous increase in the emission of greenhouse gas; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission desires to establish a Green Task Force to make recommendations to the City Commission regarding environmental sustainability; and

WHEREAS, the City of Coral Gables has a unique opportunity to provide leadership to develop sustainable communities based on environmental, cultural and economic policies that protect our natural resources and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the City of Coral Gables can demonstrate leadership on environmental issues through the application of land use and zoning district regulations which encourages efficient use of our natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a Green Task Force will allow for study and application of new technologies and philosophies promoting environmental sustainability.

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

SECTION 1. Incorporation. That the foregoing “Whereas” clauses are here hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Ordinance upon the adoption hereof.

SECTION 2. Creation and Purpose. That a Green Task Force is hereby created for the purpose of promoting environmental sustainability for the City, which is a way of living and conducting business to ensure a quality of life for the future of Coral Gables. The Task Force shall make non-binding recommendations for taking environmentally progressive actions within the City in support of promoting environmental sustainability, in addition:

- (a) The Task Force shall make recommendations with regard to (i) improving the environmental sustainability of City programs, services, equipment and facilities, (ii) developing a plan for increasing the awareness of issues of environmental sustainability with the residents and businesses located in the City, and (iii) encouraging increased environmentally conscious activities by the residents and businesses located in the City; and
- (b) The Task Force shall make recommendations with regard to possible incentives for residents, businesses, and organizations to practice environmental conservation, water and energy conservation, green development, recycling, the reduction of waste, the improvement of energy efficiency, the preservation of green spaces, the use of nonpolluting transportation alternatives where possible, xeriscaping, and other measures to help reduce pollution and keep our environment healthy for future generations; and
- (c) The Task Force shall make recommendations with regard to goals, criteria, strategies, and Green Building Standards for the City for green building design, including energy and water efficient construction, in the City consistent with standards propounded by the Florida Building Code, Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED), Florida Green Building Coalition (FGBC), the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), and other leading groups setting forth standards on economic sustainability.

SECTION 3. Qualifications. That Task Force members shall have their primary place of residence within the boundaries of the City.

SECTION 3. Membership. That the Task Force shall be comprised of nine (9) members, eight (8) of which shall be appointed by the Commission including one (1) landscape architect, one (1) professional planner, one (1) person with a demonstrated interest in historic preservation, one (1) LEED AP Engineer, one (1) LEED AP Architect, one (1) member from the University of Miami, one (1) member from the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce; and one (1) resident from the City of Coral Gables; and one (1) resident from the City of Coral Gables, who shall be appointed by the City Manager.

SECTION 4. Appointment and Removal. That the Task Force members' terms of office shall commence October 1, 2010, for two (2) consecutive years expiring on September 30, 2012, or until a successor has been selected and qualified, and thereafter terms shall commence October 1 of even numbered years and expire September 30 of subsequent odd numbered years, or until a successor has been selected and qualified. All appointments for replacement of any member shall be for the said member's unexpired term.

SECTION 5. Chairperson. That the Task Force shall elect from among its membership, a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson who shall serve for a period of one (1) year, and may be named to successive terms if the Task Force so chooses.

SECTION 6. Administrative Staff Support. That the City Manager shall appoint a staff member to serve as a liaison with and Secretary for the Task Force, and provide services as required by City Code, Article III, Division 1, Section 2-63, including, but not limited to, preparation of summary minutes.

SECTION 7. Meetings. That the Task Force shall hold one regular meeting each month and special meetings at such times as the Task Force may determine, at the call of the Chairman or the Secretary. If there is no business to conduct, a meeting need not be held, however, the Task Force must meet at least semi-annually to remain active.

SECTION 8. Quorum. That meetings shall be called to order when a quorum is present, which shall be at least five (5) members, and a decision of a majority of the members present and voting at which a quorum is present shall be the decision of the Task Force.

SECTION 9. Compensation. That all members of the Task Force shall serve without compensation.

SECTION 10. Public Meetings. That all meetings of the Task Force shall be open to the public, and a written summary of the proceedings shall be kept showing its action on each question considered, and such record shall be filed in the office of the Secretary and submitted to the City Commission.

SECTION 11. Advisors. That the City may provide qualified professional consultants to serve in an advisory capacity to the Task Force.

SECTION 12. Written Reports. That the Green Task Force shall submit an annual report to the City Commission in accordance with City Code, Article III, Division 1, Section 2-66.

SECTION 13. Compliance with Board and Committee Rules. That the Task Force shall be governed by any and all legislation enacted by the City Commission, as well as any applicable administrative policies that govern the functions of City boards and committees, including, but not limited the provisions of the City Code.

SECTION 14. Costs. That all costs incurred for notifications, mailings, printings, legal and/or courtesy advertisements, and other items necessary to conduct the business of the Task Force shall be borne by the City.

SECTION 15. Repealer. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith, be and the same, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 16. Severability. If any section, clause, sentence or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, then said holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 17. Codification. It is the intention of the Commission of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the City of Coral Gables Code of Ordinances; and that the sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or relettered to accomplish such intention, and the word “ordinance” may be changed to “section”, “article” or such other appropriate word or phrase in order to accomplish such intentions.

SECTION 18. Effective Date. That this Ordinance shall become effective as of October 1, 2010.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TWENTY-FIFTH DAY OF MAY, A.D., 2010.

(Moved: / Seconded:)

(Yeas: / Nays:)

(Vote:)

(Agenda Item:)

APPROVED:

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

WALTER J. FOEMAN
CITY CLERK

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