

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA GRANTING APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE TEXT AND FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, PURSUANT TO EXPEDITED STATE REVIEW PROCEDURES (S.163.3184, FLORIDA STATUTES) AND ZONING CODE ARTICLE 14, "PROCESS," SECTION 14-213, "COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TEXT AND MAP AMENDMENTS;" TO CREATE A NEW DISTRICT BOUNDARY CALLED THE "DOWNTOWN CORE DISTRICT" IN THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP AND INCREASE THE ALLOWED HEIGHT WITHIN THE BOUNDARY OF SUCH DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER PROVISION, PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Commission desires to attract more high-end development to the Central Business District (CBD) that would offer increase ceiling heights and other high-quality features and amenities, and,

WHEREAS, at the request of the City Commission, Staff has drafted Comprehensive Plan text and map amendments to increase building height within a certain area in the Central Business District (CBD), and,

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Plan should be amended to incorporate and implement the "Downtown Core District" to grant additional height to encourage high-quality redevelopment in the downtown; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Coral Gables, pursuant to Florida Statutes and the City of Coral Gables Zoning Code, has designated the Planning and Zoning Board as the Local Planning Agency; and,

WHEREAS, to promote public outreach and participation in the public hearing process, the City has provided the following notice: 1) required advertising per State Statutes and Department of Economic Opportunity guidelines; 2) City webpage posting of the public hearing agendas; and 3) electronic mailing to interested parties; and,

WHEREAS, the application, legal description, ordinances, mapping, legal advertising, public comments and all other supporting documentation were available for inspection and review at the City of Coral Gables Planning Department and City Clerk's office;

and,

WHEREAS, in advance of public hearing consideration, the City’s staff analysis and recommendation are available for inspection at City of Coral Gables Planning Department and City Clerk’s office and available on the City’s Web page at www.coralgables.com for easy retrieval; and,

WHEREAS, Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment is proposed in ‘Exhibit A;’
and,

WHEREAS, Comprehensive Plan Text Amendment is proposed in ‘Exhibit B;’
and,

WHEREAS, after notice of public hearing duly published and notifications of all property owners of record within one-thousand five hundred (1,500) feet from the proposed Downtown Core District boundary, a public hearing was held before the Local Planning Agency (Planning and Zoning Board) of the City of Coral Gables on (month) (day), 2021, at which hearing all interested persons were afforded the opportunity to be heard; and,

WHEREAS, at a public hearing held on (month) (day), 2021, the Local Planning Agency (Planning and Zoning Board) recommended approval (vote: _ – _), finding that the proposed amendments are in furtherance of the Comprehensive Plan (CP) Goals, Objectives and Policies and the Zoning Code provisions as subject to all plans, exhibits and descriptions submitted by the applicant; and,

WHEREAS, the City Commission held a public hearing on (month) (day), 2021 at which hearing all interested persons were afforded an opportunity to be heard, and the item was _____ on first reading (vote:); and,

WHEREAS, amendments to the Comprehensive Plan Text are subject to Expedited State Review and are required to be transmitted to the Department of Economic Opportunity, South Florida Regional Planning Council and other review agencies for review prior to consideration by the City Commission on second reading.

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

SECTION 1. 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. The requested amendments to the City of Coral Gables Comprehensive Plan as provided below are hereby approved:

SECTION 3. The City Commission, pursuant to First Reading approval of the Ordinance authorizes transmittal of the request, as required by State Statutes, to the Department of Economic Opportunity, South Florida Regional Planning Council and other review agencies for review prior to consideration by the City Commission on second reading.

SECTION 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances that are inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed.

SECTION 5. 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 6. It is the intention of the City Commission that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Comprehensive Plan of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, as amended.

SECTION 7. This Ordinance shall become effective 31 days after the Department of Economic Opportunity determines the amendment submittal package is complete and no petition is filed by an affected party. If the Department of Economic Opportunity requests a hearing by the Division of Administrative Hearings, this Ordinance shall become effective upon the issuance of a final order by the Division of Administrative Hearings determining the amendment is in compliance.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, A.D.
2021.

APPROVED:

VINCE LAGO
MAYOR

ATTEST:

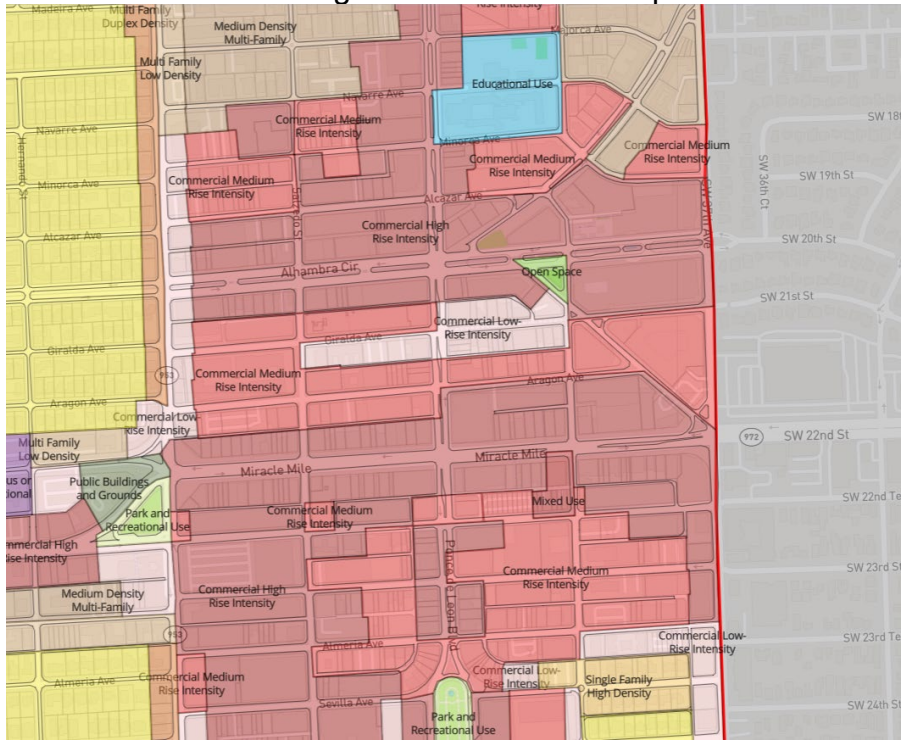
BILLY Y. URQUIA
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

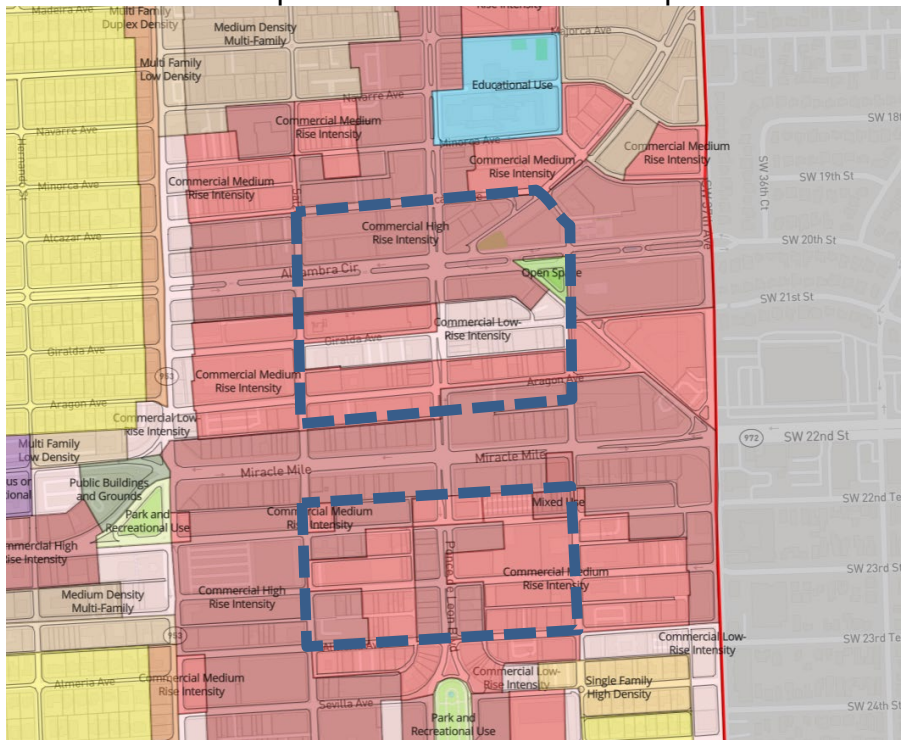
MIRIAM SOLER RAMOS
CITY ATTORNEY

“Exhibit A”

Existing Future Land Use Map



Proposed Future Land Use Map



“Exhibit B”

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Policy FLU-1.1.3. Commercial land use classifications are as follows (Land use descriptions provided herein are general descriptions, refer to underlying/assigned Zoning Classification for the list of permitted uses):

Table FLU-2. Commercial Land Uses.			
Classification	Description	Density / Intensity	Height
Commercial Low-Rise Intensity.	This category is oriented to low intensity pedestrian and neighborhood commercial uses, including residential, retail, services, office, and mixed use.	<p>Maximum F.A.R. of 3.0, or 3.5 with architectural incentives. Up to an additional 25% F.A.R. may be granted for properties qualifying as receiving sites for Transfer of Development Rights (TDRs).</p> <p>Residential use shall only be permitted as part of a mixed-use development as provided herein with maximum of 125 units/acre. Density shall be unlimited for properties within the Central Business District (CBD) and the Design & Innovation District.</p> <p>Within a Mediterranean Village development:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. residential use shall be permitted, and 2. the intensity of the project shall be regulated by a maximum F.A.R. of four (4.0), and shall be controlled by an approved Mediterranean Village PAD Plan 	<p>Up to 50’ maximum (no limitation on floors), or up to 77’ maximum (with a maximum of 2 additional floors) with architectural incentives per the Zoning Code.</p> <p>If developed pursuant to Design & Innovation District regulations: Up to 120’ maximum (limitation of 10 floors) with architectural incentives per the Zoning Code.</p>
Commercial Mid-Rise Intensity.	This category is oriented to medium intensity pedestrian and neighborhood commercial uses, including residential, retail, services, office, and mixed use.	<p>Maximum F.A.R. of 3.0, or 3.5 with architectural incentives. Up to an additional 25% F.A.R. may be granted for properties qualifying as receiving sites for Transfer of Development Rights (TDRs).</p> <p>Residential use shall only be permitted as part of a mixed-use development as provided herein with maximum of 125 units/acre. Density shall be unlimited for properties within the Central Business District (CBD) and the Design & Innovation District.</p> <p>Within a Mediterranean Village development:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. residential use shall be permitted, and 2. the intensity of the project shall be regulated by a maximum F.A.R. of four (4.0), and shall be controlled by an approved Mediterranean Village PAD Plan 	<p>Up to 70’ maximum (no limitation on floors), or up to 97’ maximum (with a maximum 2 additional floors) with architectural incentives per the Zoning Code.</p> <p>If developed pursuant to Design & Innovation District regulations: Up to 120’ maximum (limitation of 10 floors) with architectural incentives per the Zoning Code.</p>
Commercial High-Rise Intensity.	This category is oriented to the highest intensity commercial uses, including residential, retail, services, office, and mixed use.	<p>Maximum F.A.R. of 3.0, or 3.5 with architectural incentives. Up to an additional 25% F.A.R. may be granted for properties qualifying as receiving sites for Transfer of Development Rights (TDRs).</p> <p>Residential use shall only be permitted as part of a mixed-use development as provided herein with maximum of 125 units/acre. Density shall be unlimited for properties within the Central Business District (CBD) and the Design & Innovation District.</p> <p>Within a Mediterranean Village development:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. residential use shall be permitted, and 	<p>Up to 150’ maximum (no limitation on floors), or 190.5’ maximum (with a maximum 3 additional floors) with architectural incentives per the Zoning Code.</p> <p><u>If developed pursuant to Downtown Core District regulations: Up to 205’ maximum (16 stories maximum) with architectural incentives</u></p>

		<p>2. the intensity of the project shall be regulated by a maximum Floor Area Ratio ("F.A.R.") of four (4.0), and shall be controlled by an approved Mediterranean Village Planned Area Development ("PAD") Plan, and</p> <p>3. additional height may be granted for specified uses or provide architectural embellishment</p>	<p><u>per the Zoning Code.</u></p>
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