



**City of Coral Gables  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
May 19, 2026**

**ITEM TITLE:**

**(Ordinance on First Reading)**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 58 “SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS”, ARTICLE III- “REPAIR OR CONSTRUCTION OF STREETS AND SIDEWALKS” TO AMEND SECTION 58-48 “DUTY OF ABUTTING PROPERTY OWNERS TO REPAIR” IN ORDER TO AMEND THE CODE TO CLARIFY THAT ABUTTING PROPERTY OWNERS ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR DEFECTIVE SIDEWALKS WHERE SUCH DEFECTS ARE A RESULT OF CITY TREES AND THE CITY HAS BEEN NOTIFIED OF THOSE DEFECTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEALER, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)**

**BRIEF HISTORY:**

Recently, in certain situations the City has assumed the duty to repair defective sidewalks when the defects are the result of damage caused by trees installed and maintained by the City.

This Ordinance codifies that practice and clarifies that abutting property owners are not responsible for damage caused to sidewalks by city installed and maintained trees provided that the abutting property owner timely notifies the City of those deficiencies.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. Draft Ordinance