



City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
August 26, 2025

ITEM TITLE:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION AMENDING SEVERAL SECTIONS OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA IN CHAPTER 62, "STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES," ARTICLE VII, "SPECIAL EVENTS AND PARADES" TO CLARIFY AND IMPROVE THE CITY'S EXISTING SCHEME FOR THE REGULATION AND PERMITTING OF SPECIAL EVENTS, PARADES, AND PUBLIC ASSEMBLIES HELD IN THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEALER, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BRIEF HISTORY:

The City Commission finds that it has important and compelling interests in protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the general public and participants in special events, parades, and public assemblies held in the City; in protecting municipal and private property located in the City; in minimizing the obstruction of vehicular and pedestrian traffic in the City; in minimizing the disruption of City services and business activities in the City; and in protecting residents' right to the quiet and peaceful enjoyment of their homes and neighborhoods in the City. The City Commission finds that the amendments presented in this Ordinance are content and viewpoint neutral and directs that the provisions of this Ordinance, include the amendments made herein, must always be applied to be consistent with the requirements of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution and all other applicable laws. The City Commission finds that it is necessary and expedient to amend the City Code to clarify and improve the City's existing scheme for the regulation and permitting of special events, parades, and public assemblies held in public places in the City of Coral Gables.

This Ordinance amends the existing Special Events and Parades Ordinance by making changes to update outdated language, provide clarity for special event permit applicants, implement additional safeguards to protect municipal property and minimize the disruption of City services and business activities in the City, and generally improve the special event permit application process.

Since first reading, the Ordinance has been revised to allow for surety bonds or an irrevocable letter of credit in lieu of a security deposit.

ATTACHMENT(S):

Ordinance
Exhibit A

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

No.	Amount	Account No.	Source of Funds
1.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Fiscal Impact: To be determined.			