

## **CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA**

### **ORDINANCE NO. 2010-10**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA AMENDING THE FOLLOWING REGULATIONS OF THE OFFICIAL ZONING CODE:

- 1) ARTICLE 3, "DEVELOPMENT REVIEW", DIVISION 3, "UNIFORM NOTICE AND PROCEDURES FOR PUBLIC HEARING", SECTION 3-303, "RECONSIDERATION OF CITY ARCHITECT DETERMINATION - PANEL REVIEW BY BOARD OF ARCHITECTS", AMENDING REQUIREMENTS FOR RECONSIDERATION OF CITY ARCHITECT DETERMINATIONS;
- 2) ARTICLE 3, "DEVELOPMENT REVIEW", DIVISION 5, "PLANNED AREA DEVELOPMENT", SECTION 3-505, "TIME LIMIT ON APPROVAL"; AND, SECTION 3-509, "COMMENCEMENT OF CONSTRUCTION", PROVIDING CONSISTENCY WITH SIMILAR ZONING CODE PROVISIONS REGARDING TIME LIMITATION OF APPROVAL AND CONSTRUCTION;
- 3) ARTICLE 4, "ZONING DISTRICTS", DIVISION 1, "RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS", SECTION 4-101, "SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (SFR) DISTRICT"; SECTION 4-102, "MULTI-FAMILY 1 DUPLEX (MF1) DISTRICT"; SECTION 4-103, "MULTI-FAMILY 2 (MF2) DISTRICT"; SECTION 4-104, "MULTI-FAMILY SPECIAL AREA (MFSA) DISTRICT"; DIVISION 2, "OVERLAY AND SPECIAL PURPOSE DISTRICTS", SECTION 4-204, "SPECIAL USE (S) DISTRICT"; DIVISION 3, "NONRESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS", SECTION 4-301, "COMMERCIAL LIMITED (CL) DISTRICT"; SECTION 4-302, "COMMERCIAL DISTRICT (C)"; AND, SECTION 4-303, "INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT (I)", TO ALLOW TRELLISES AS A PERMITTED ACCESSORY USE;
- 4) ARTICLE 5, "DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS", DIVISION 1, "ACCESSORY USES", SECTION 5-113, "TRELLISES", TO PERMIT THE USE OF METAL AS A CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL FOR TRELLISES;
- 5) ARTICLE 8, "DEFINITIONS", TO PROVIDE FOR DEFINITIONS; AND

PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEALER,  
CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**WHEREAS**, an amendment to Zoning Code Division 3, Article 3, Section 3-303, “Reconsideration of City Architect determination - Panel review by Board of Architects” is requested to establish time requirements for reconsideration of City Architect administrative determinations; and

**WHEREAS**, an amendment to Zoning Code Division 5, “Planned Area Development” is requested to provide consistency regarding the required time limitations for obtaining building permits and beginning construction for Planned Area Developments; and

**WHEREAS**, an amendment is requested to Zoning Code Division 4, “Zoning Districts” to clarify the use of and to allow trellises as a permitted accessory use within the SFR, MF1, MF2, MFSA, S, CL, C and I Districts; and

**WHEREAS**, Zoning Code Article 5, Division 1, Section 5-113, “Trellises” to provide regulations permitting the use of metal as a construction material for trellises; and

**WHEREAS**, Zoning Code Division 8, “Definitions” to add a definition for a “Trellis” and remove the definition for “Wood trellis”; and

**WHEREAS**, after notice duly published, a public hearing was held before the Planning and Zoning Board on May 12, 2010, at which hearing all interested parties were afforded the opportunity to be heard; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board was presented with the text amendments to the Official Zoning Code, and after due consideration, recommended approval (vote: 7-0) of the text amendments; and

**WHEREAS**, after notice duly published, a public hearing for First Reading was held before the City Commission on May 25, 2010 at which hearing all interested parties were afforded the opportunity to be heard; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission was presented with the text amendments to the Official Zoning Code, and after due consideration and discussion, approved the text amendments on First Reading (vote: 4-0);

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

**SECTION 1.** The foregoing “**WHEREAS**” clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Ordinance upon adoption hereof.

**SECTION 2.** The Official Zoning Code of the City of Coral Gables is hereby amended as provided in the following five (5) text amendments:

## **Text Amendment #1**

### ***Article 3. Development Review***

#### ***Division 3. Uniform Notice and Procedures for Public Hearing***

##### ***Section 3-303. Reconsideration of City Architect administrative determination***

- A. An applicant or aggrieved party may file a written Notice of Reconsideration with the Building and Zoning Department designated Development Review Official within sixty (60) days of the City Architect administrative determination. The request shall be reviewed by a three (3) member panel of the Board of Architects as provided for in Section 2-303(B). The request shall be considered by the Board of Architects within fourteen (14) days after receipt of the request. The panel may grant approval of the application, with or without conditions, deny the application or require further proceedings. The application submittal requirements and additional background information required for the filing shall be determined by the Director of the Building and Zoning Department.*
- B. In the event that an applicant or aggrieved party who has received a decision of a panel of the Board of Architects or the City Manager objects to the decision of the panel, the applicant or the City Manager may within thirty (30) days of the panel's decision request a formal review of the application by the Board of Architects pursuant to the provisions of Section 3-304 governing quasi-judicial proceedings.*

## **Text Amendment #2**

### ***Article 3. Development Review***

#### ***Division 5. Planned Area Development***

##### ***Section 3-508. Time limitation of approval and construction.***

- A. Approvals granted pursuant to this Division shall obtain a building permit and begin construction within eighteen (18) months from time of the approval. Failure to obtain a building permit and/or begin construction shall render the approval null and void. Permitted time frames do not change with successive owners, provided however, one (1), six (6) month extension of time may be granted by the Development Review Official.*
- B. If the Planned Area Development is to be developed in stages, the developer must begin construction of each stage within the time limits specified in the Development Plan (or subsequent updates). Construction in each phase shall include all the elements of that phase specified in the Development Plan.*

## **Text Amendment #3**

### ***Article 4. Zoning Districts***

#### ***Division 1. Residential Districts***

##### ***Section 4-101. Single-Family Residential (SFR) District.***

*B. Permitted principal uses and structures. The following uses are permitted:*

- 2. Accessory uses, buildings or structures as follows:*
  - s. Trellises. (Trellises are permitted in the rear setback of properties backing onto a canal, waterway, lake or bay).*

##### ***Section 4-102. Multi-Family 1 Duplex (MF1) District.***

*B. Permitted principal uses and structures. The following uses are permitted in the MF1 district.*

- 1. Accessory uses, buildings or structures as follows:*
  - q. Trellises. Trellises are permitted in the rear setback of properties backing onto a canal, waterway, lake or bay.*

##### ***Section 4-103. Multi-Family 2 (MF2) District.***

*B. Permitted principal uses and structures. The following uses are permitted in the MF2 District.*

- 1. Accessory uses, buildings or structures as follows:*
  - m. Trellises. Trellises are permitted in the rear setback of properties backing onto a canal, waterway, lake or bay.*

##### ***Section 4-104. Multi-Family Special Area (MFSA) District.***

*B. Permitted principal uses and structures. The following uses are permitted in the MFSA District.*

- 1. Accessory uses, buildings or structures as follows:*
  - j. Trellises. Trellises are permitted in the rear setback of properties backing onto a canal, waterway, lake or bay.*

#### ***Division 2. Overlay and Special Purpose Districts***

##### ***Section 4-204. Special Use (S) District.***

*B. Permitted uses. The following uses are permitted in the S District subject to the standards in this Section and other applicable regulations in Article 5:*

1. *Accessory uses, buildings or structures as follows:*
  - a. *Emergency preparedness shelter.*
  - b. *Fountains.*
  - c. *Flagpoles.*
  - d. *Planters.*
  - e. *Recreational equipment.*
  - f. *Reflecting pool(s).*
  - g. *Screen enclosure.*
  - h. *Swimming pool.*
  - i. *Trellises. Trellises are permitted in the rear setback of properties backing onto a canal, waterway, lake or bay.*

**Division 3.        *Nonresidential Districts***

**Section 4-301.    *Commercial Limited (CL) District.***

- A. *Permitted uses. The following uses are permitted in the Commercial Limited District subject to the standards in this Section and other applicable regulations in Article 5:*
  1. *Accessory uses, buildings or structures as follows:*
    - a. *Flagpoles.*
    - b. *Fountains.*
    - c. *Planters.*
    - d. *Reflecting pool(s).*
    - e. *Trellises. Trellises are permitted in the rear setback of properties backing onto a canal, waterway, lake or bay.*

**Section 4-302.    *Commercial District (C).***

- B. *Permitted uses. The following uses are permitted subject to the standards in this Section and other applicable regulations in Article 5:*
  1. *Accessory uses, buildings or structures as follows:*
    - a. *Flagpoles.*
    - b. *Fountains.*
    - c. *Planters.*
    - d. *Reflecting pool(s).*
    - e. *Trellises. Trellises are permitted in the rear setback of properties backing onto a canal, waterway, lake or bay.*

**Section 4-303.    *Industrial District (I).***

- B. **Permitted uses. The following uses are permitted in the I District subject to the standards in this Section and other applicable regulations in Article 5:**

1. *Accessory uses, buildings or structures as follows:*
  - a. *Flagpoles.*
  - b. *Fountains.*
  - c. *Planters.*
  - d. *Reflecting pool(s).*
  - e. *Trellises. Trellises are permitted in the rear setback of properties backing onto a canal, waterway, lake or bay.*

## **Text Amendment #4**

### ***Article 5. Development Standards***

#### ***Division 1. Accessory Uses***

##### ***Section 5-113. Trellises.***

*Trellises may be permitted as an accessory use subject to review and approval by the City Architect or the assigned Development Review Official and the following:*

***A. Trellises may be constructed of the following materials:***

1. *All wood members shall be constructed of one of the following approved materials:*
  - a. *Solid select heart cypress.*
  - b. *Solid heart mahogany.*
  - c. *Solid heart teak.*
  - d. *Solid heart cedar.*
  - e. *Clear vertical grain redwood.*
  - f. *Pressure treated pine or fir.*
  - g. *Similar type or quality of wood to those noted above, as approved by the City Architect or Development Review Official (DRO). eCreosote pressure treated wood is prohibited.*
2. *Composite materials.*
3. *Metal.*

***B. All supporting members for wood trellises shall be anchored to a concrete foundation with approved metal clips used in such a manner as to prohibit the wood from touching the concrete.***

***C. Fastening clips, hurricane clips, etc., used in the construction of the trellis shall be concealed from view with moldings, cover boards, etc.***

***D. No materials such as, but not limited to, fiberglass screening, glass, plastic panels or aluminum panels shall be placed upon or attached to the trellis.***

***E. The height of the trellis shall be subject to approval by the City Architect.***

- F. The setbacks for trellises shall be governed by the same minimum setbacks as required for the main or principal building, except as noted otherwise herein.*
- G. The color of a trellis shall be compatible with the main or principal building.*
- H. All trellises shall be maintained and kept in good order and repair.*

#### **Text Amendment #5**

##### **Article 8. Definitions**

***Trellis*** means a frame or structure of latticework used as a decorative feature which may be free-standing or attached to a structure.

**SECTION 3.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 4.** 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 5.** It is the intention of the City Commission that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of Ordinance No. 2007-01 as amended and known as the “Official Zoning Code” of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, which provisions may be renumbered or re-lettered and the word ordinance be changed to “section”, “article”, or other appropriate word to accomplish such intention.

**SECTION 6.** Providing for a repealer provision, a savings clause, a severability clause and providing for an effective date.

**SECTION 7.** That this Ordinance shall become effective (10) days after final reading and adoption thereof.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS FIRST DAY OF JUNE, A.D., 2010.  
(Moved: Anderson / Seconded: Withers)  
(Yea: Anderson, Cabrera, Withers, Slesnick)  
(Majority: 4-0) Vote  
(Absent: Kerdyk)  
(Agenda Item: E-1)

APPROVED;



DONALD D. SLESNICK II  
MAYOR

ATTEST:



WALTER J. FOEMAN  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND  
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



ELIZABETH M. HERNANDEZ  
CITY ATTORNEY