



**City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
December 11, 2018**

ITEM TITLE:

An Ordinance on First Reading

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES CODE BY:

- **CREATING SECTION 2-731 "PROHIBITION ON USE OF SINGLE-USE PLASTIC BEVERAGE STRAWS AND SINGLE-USE PLASTIC STIRRERS BY CITY CONTRACTORS IN CHAPTER 2- ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE VIII- PROCUREMENT CODE**
- **CREATING SECTION 62-264 "PROHIBITION ON USE OF SINGLE-USE PLASTIC BEVERAGE STRAWS AND SINGLE USE PLASTIC STIRRERS" IN CHAPTER 62- STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES, ARTICLE VII- SPECIAL EVENTS AND PARADES**

PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER PROVISION, SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, CODIFICATION, ENFORCEABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

(Sponsored by Mayor Valdes-Fauli)

(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Lago)

BRIEF HISTORY:

As an environmental leader among local governments in the State of Florida, the goal of the City is to replace single-use plastic beverage straws and stirrers with reusable, recyclable, or sustainable alternatives whenever possible. Discarded single-use plastic beverage straws and stirrers end up in landfills, threaten wildlife and marine life and degrade and litter the beaches and waters off the Florida coast, which include areas within the City.

The City in partnership with the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce, is planning to educate the business community through a "Skip the Straw" Campaign and through the launch of Coral Gables Green Business Program.

The City Commission finds that this Ordinance, which prohibits the use of plastic straws by City contractors and City special event permittees only, is necessary for the preservation of our environment and the public health, safety and welfare of City residents and visitors and future generations.

The proposed ordinance was presented to both the Coral Gables Advisory Board on Disability Affairs and the Sustainability Advisory Board, both boards passed motions supporting this proposed ordinance.

1. Proposed Ordinance