

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 25-XXXX

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION DIRECTING CITY STAFF TO IMPLEMENT A NEEDLE COLLECTION PROGRAM FOR CITY RESIDENTS.

WHEREAS, needles, syringes, and lancets are commonly used by individuals who self-administer injectable prescription medications at home; and

WHEREAS, improper disposal of these used needles, syringes, and lancets (“sharps”) in household trash or recycling bins can create health and safety risks for sanitation workers, city employees, and the general public; and

WHEREAS, sharps that are disposed of improperly can also have a negative impact on the environment and wildlife; and

WHEREAS, establishing a used sharps collection program for City residents (“Needle Collection Program”) would provide residents with a safe, accessible, and environmentally responsible way to dispose of sharps that have been used for the injection of prescription medications at home; and

WHEREAS, in order to promote community safety and wellbeing, and to mitigate the negative impacts of improper disposal of sharps used for the injection of prescription medications or administration of diagnostic tests at home, the City Commission desires to create and implement a Needle Collection Program.

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

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

SECTION 2. That City Staff is directed to develop and implement a Needle Collection Program with the following requirements:

- a. The Needle Collection Program will be available at Fire Station 1, which is located at 2151 Salzedo Street; and
- b. The Needle Collection Program will be available exclusively for City residents, and shall be provided at no-cost; and

- c. The Needle Collection Program will be limited to syringes, needles, and lancets used for the home-based administration of injectable prescription medications or diagnostic tests; and
- d. The Fire Department will develop and deploy a messaging plan to inform City residents about the Needle Collection Program, its requirements, and provide guidance on how to properly store and label used sharps prior to delivering them to Fire Station 1; and
- e. The Fire Department will apply for and obtain all necessary permits to operate the Needle Collection Program; and
- f. Fire Department staff will be trained in the process of documenting and safely managing the disposal of used sharps.

SECTION 3. That this Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY OF OCTOBER 2025.

Moved: / Seconded:

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