

### **ITEM TITLE:**

## **Ordinance on Second Reading.**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, AMENDING SECTION 1-104 "JURISDICTION AND APPLICABILITY"; SECTION 8-109 "MOVING OF **IMPROVEMENTS"**; **EXISTING SECTION** "CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS"; SECTION 14-209.4; SECTION 14-215.3 "NOTICE AND HEARING PROCEDURES"; SECTION 15-102 "NOTICE" OF THE CITY'S ZONING CODE IN ORDER TO PROVIDE A DEFINITION OF PUBLICATION AND REMOVE THE PUBLICATION. REQUIREMENT FOR NEWSPAPER **PROVIDING FOR** A REPEALER PROVISION, SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

#### **BRIEF HISTORY:**

Beginning January 1, 2023 Cities are now permitted to publish all required legal notices and advertisements on a publicly accessible website as specified in Florida Statute 50.0311. The City has traditionally advertised and published required notices in newspapers of general circulation. Due to cost increases and fewer options available for publication, the City is going to move all required notices to a County-wide website for legal notices, as permitted in state law. The City will proceed to publish required annual notices in a newspaper of general circulation pointing residents to those online notices, and will conduct an education campaign to make sure residents are aware. The City estimates that the move to online notifications will result in over fifty percent savings in annual publication costs. This item was adopted on first reading during the December 12, 2023 City Commission meeting. The City Commission determined that the item did not need to go to the Planning and Zoning Board prior to adoption on second reading. There have been no changes since first reading.

#### FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

| No.  | Amount | Account No. | Source of Funds |
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| Total: N/A   |        |             |                 |
| Fiscal Impact: Savings of approximately 50% of annual publication costs. |        |             |                 |

# ATTACHMENT(S): 1. Draft Ordinance

- 2. Exhibit A- Proposed Zoning Code Amendments