



City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
May 23, 2023

ITEM TITLE:

ORDINANCE ON FIRST READING:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES CODE, CHAPTER 82 -VEGETATION, ARTICLE 1-IN GENERAL, SECTION 82-7 “ANNUAL REGISTRATION REQUIRED” IN ORDER TO REMOVE PROVISIONS CONFLICTING WITH STATE LAW AND ADD PROVISIONS REGARDING THE PROPER PARKING OF VEHICLES PROVIDING LANDSCAPING AND TREE TRIMMING SERVICES IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS, AND AMENDING CHAPTER I-GENERAL PROVISIONS, SECTION 1-7 ENTITLED "PENALTIES" TO INCLUDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF SECTION 82-7 PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER PROVISION, SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

(Sponsored by Commissioner Menendez)

BRIEF HISTORY:

During the 2021 legislative session, the State Legislature adopted Chapter 2021-214 which created Florida Statutes § 163.211 which preempts and supersedes any local government licensing requirement of occupations and will preempt the City’s current landscaper registration requirements as of July 1, 2023. As such, this ordinance removes those preempted provisions.

This ordinance also addresses complaints and safety concerns related to the parking of landscaping, tree trimming and related contractors’ vehicles. This ordinance codifies the City’s longstanding policies regarding proper parking of those vehicles on City rights-of-way, adds provisions regarding proximity to the property where those vehicles are providing services, and addresses the applicable FDOT Maintenance of Traffic standards for vehicles stopping on County or State roads.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- 1. Draft Ordinance.**