

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023- \_\_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION  
AMENDING THE COCOPLUM PHASE 1 SECURITY  
GUARD DISTRICT, AS CREATED BY MIAMI-DADE  
COUNTY PURSUANT TO COUNTY ORDINANCE 95-214,  
TO EXPAND THE SCOPE OF SERVICES TO INCLUDE  
ADDITIONAL SECURITY MEASURES INCLUDING BUT  
NOT LIMITED TO SECURITY CAMERAS.**

**WHEREAS**, the Cocoplum Phase 1 Security Guard Special Taxing District (the “District”), which is located completely within the municipal boundaries of the City of Coral Gables, was created by Miami-Dade County pursuant to County Ordinance 95-214 for the purpose of providing enhanced security services to properties within the District; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 18-3.1 of the Code of Metropolitan Dade County, after approval by referendum and a joint resolution of the County and City of Coral Gables, governance and control of the District was transferred from the County to the City effective on October 1, 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, On June 2, 2023 the City of Coral Gables received a letter of intent from over 20% of the homeowners (“Petitioner”) within the District requesting a modification to the District to expand the scope of services to include additional security measures including but not limited to security cameras; and

**WHEREAS**, City staff has reviewed this request and, in accordance with the Special Taxing District Amendment process, as adopted by the City, a petition was created to be circulated to all the properties located within the boundaries of the District; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the City of Coral Gables Special Taxing District amendment policies, notice of the petition was sent to all properties within the District and the petition was presented to the City Commission on June 13, 2023 and approved pursuant to Resolution No. 2023-166; and

**WHEREAS**, the Petitioner then circulated the approved petition to all of the homeowners within the District and has acquired the signatures of 107 out of 149 homeowners (71.81%) which, pursuant to the City’s Special Taxing District Amendment process, allows for the requested amendment to the District Creation Ordinance to be brought before the City Commission for approval and adoption; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission approved the ordinance on first reading on December 12, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, prior to second reading, mailed notice was sent to all properties within the Special Taxing District, specifically to all property addresses and mailing addresses for owners.

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

**SECTION 1.** That the foregoing recitals are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a part of this Ordinance upon adoption.

**SECTION 2.** That the Cocoplum Phase 1 Security Guard Special Taxing District, as created by Miami-Dade County pursuant to County Ordinance 95-214, is hereby amended to expand the scope of services to include additional security measures including but not limited to security cameras.

**SECTION 3.** If any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, then said holding shall in no way affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 4.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_. A.D., 2024

APPROVED:

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VINCE LAGO  
MAYOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND  
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

ATTEST:

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BILLY URQUIA  
CITY CLERK

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CRISTINA M. SUAREZ  
CITY ATTORNEY