



**City of Coral Gables  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
December 9, 2025**

**ITEM TITLE:**

**Ordinance on Second Reading.**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY CODE TO CREATE CHAPTER 62, "STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES," ARTICLE VII "SPECIAL EVENTS AND PARADES," DIVISION 1 "GENERALLY" SECTION 62-265 "PROHIBITION ON USE OF PLASTIC-RELATED OR METALLIZED DECORATIONS AND RELEASE OF BALLOONS" TO AMEND THE CITY CODE TO ADD A PROHIBITION ON THE USE OF CERTAIN PLASTIC RELATED OR METALLIZED DECORATIVE MATERIAL AND PROHIBIT THE RELEASE OF BALLOONS BY SPECIAL EVENT PERMITTEES IN THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEALER, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)**

**BRIEF HISTORY:**

The City has noticed an increase in litter caused by small plastic and metallized decorations throughout City parks and facilities.

Consistent with the City's goal of environmental protection, sustainability, and out of concern for the marine environment, wildlife, aesthetics, and public safety, the City Commission wishes to prohibit the use of certain decorative items by special event permittees and those holding rental facility permits outdoors in City parks and facilities.

This Ordinance also provides that any permittee must clean up any released, disbursed or scattered prohibited items and prohibits the release of any balloons by special event permittees.

There have been two edits since first reading, amending the definition of prohibited decorations and allowing for the use of those prohibited items with City approval and an associated fee.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. Draft Ordinance
2. Exhibit A