

Garcia, Juan

From: Bell-Llewellyn, Deena
Sent: Friday, November 18, 2022 1:55 PM
To: Linda Stevens
Cc: Garcia, Juan; Tejera, Erick; Cabrera, Suramy
Subject: RE: Case # NOVI-22-11-1544

Sounds great, thank you!

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From: Linda Stevens <llstevens@mac.com>
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Thank you Deena. Your list helps a lot.

I will contact a landscaper to do this.

On Nov 18, 2022, at 1:06 PM, Bell-Llewellyn, Deena <dbell@coralgables.com> wrote:

Thank you Juan-

Mrs. Stevens,
I see the problem is too much open gravel in the front yard. There are many other low growing plant materials that could work for you in lieu of plain gravel. You should discuss options with a professional landscaper contractor to come up with a design that works for you.

Low growing groundcovers that you could consider include:

- Liriope
- Mondo grass
- Asiatic Jasmine
- Wax Jasmine

Boston fern
Perennial Peanut
Or sod

Best,
Deena

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From: Garcia, Juan <jgarcia3@coralgables.com>
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Goo morning Deena

Please see attached photo.

Juan Carlos Garcia
Code Enforcement Officer
Development Services Department
405 Biltmore Way
Coral Gables, FL 33134
(305)460-5274

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From: Bell-Llewellyn, Deena <dbell@coralgables.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 17, 2022 3:43 PM
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Dear Ms. Stevens or Juan,
Can you forward photos of the area in question?
Gravel is sometimes used as a mulching material below plantings as decorative groundcover.

But, the majority of the area should be planted , with crushed gravel or stone used as mulch.

Best,
Deena

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From: Tejera, Erick <etejera@coralgables.com>
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Good afternoon Suramy,

Please see below for the zoning code section.

As per section 6-103, #6, iv, " All lawn areas shall be sodded. Sod shall be planted in species well adapted to localized growing conditions in Miami-Dade County and shall be clean and reasonably free of weeds and noxious pests or diseases."

Section 10-104 #6, will allow loose gravel as a driveway material as long as the loose gravel is set back five (5) feet from all property lines and bordered by another permitted driveway material.

Erick R Tejera
305-460-5254
Zoning Reviewer Lead
427 Biltmore Way
Coral Gables, Fl. 33134

DID YOU KNOW? : Did you know you can check your permit status, pay permit fees, and request inspections online? Click the link below and follow the directions prompted on the website:
<https://edenweb.coralgables.com/Default.asp?Build=PM.pmPermit.SearchForm&utask=normalview>

-----Original Message-----

From: Cabrera, Suramy <scabrera@coralgables.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 17, 2022 11:38 AM
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Deena, please assist.

Generally, gravel is a flower bed/planter cover. Not your entire front yard. However, Deena can assist. Erick, also, please provide the code sections.

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How is gravel allowed to be installed? I need more information and would like to see the written code. I have driven around and have seen many properties with the exact same installation. I do not want to plant landscaping.

> On Nov 17, 2022, at 11:18 AM, Cabrera, Suramy <scabrera@coralgables.com> wrote:

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> Gravel, as installed, is not allowed in the City of Coral Gables. You can install native landscaping that requires minimum, if any, water. I recommend that you meet with the City's Greenspace Management group to get some additional information on what is allowed.

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> From: Linda Stevens <lstevens@mac.com>

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> Good morning Ms. Cabrera and Mr. Garcia,

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> I am the owner of 1248 Milan Avenue, Coral Gables, FL 33134 and received a code enforcement violation warning citing gravel installation on my property. I left messages on your voicemails as well as Mr Ramirez's voicemail. I am hoping email might be a more efficient way of hearing back from you.

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> I would like to understand why I received this warning since there was already gravel in part of the property (the driveway) when I purchased the property in May. Since it was in bad shape and an eye sore, I had more gravel laid on top of it to improve the aesthetic. I also laid gravel to the front yard adjacent to the driveway since the area was mostly dirt as grass was not growing and planting more grass would consumer a lot of water which frankly, I think it's irresponsible in the times we are living in where water is scarce and we should all do our part to be more ecological.

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> I have no issues getting permits for necessary improvements however I did my due diligence prior to laying the gravel and did not find anywhere in the Coal Gables website that I needed a permit for this type of improvement. Could you please point me in the right direction? I would like to see the written code.

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> I have also tried to find a permit "after the fact" and the website is so convoluted and hard to navigate, I came up empty. Please send me the link to the appropriate page.

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> Thank you,

> Linda Stevens

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