



**City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
October 22, 2019**

ITEM TITLE:

Resolution.

A Resolution of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida issuing a Zoning in Progress, in accordance with Article 3, "Development Review," Division 7, "Moratorium," Section 3-703, "Zoning in Progress Request" and 3-704, "City Commission Zoning in Progress Resolution Review and Decision" for the consideration of Zoning Code Text Amendments to address the operation of retail businesses engaged in the sale of retail products containing cannabidiol/CBD sold as a principal retail product within the City; providing for an effective date.

BRIEF HISTORY:

The Florida Legislature recently passed Senate Bill 1020 ("SB 1020") providing for a licensing program for hemp growers as well as authorization for the sale of products containing cannabidiol ("CBD"), as long as a certificate from an independent testing laboratory confirms that the THC level in such product does not exceed 0.3 percent. Pursuant to SB 1020, the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (the "Department") has held rulemaking workshops, has published Notice of Proposed Rules for the State Hemp Program, and is accepting public comments before adoption of its rules. This is an evolving area of law and regulations and the City intends to study the impact of SB 1020 and the rules that will ultimately be adopted by the Department and to propose amendments to the Zoning Code and if necessary, the City Code, in order to better promote the safety and general welfare of the City businesses, residents, and visitors.

Thus, the City Manager has filed this request with the City Commission for a Zoning in Progress Resolution pursuant to Zoning Code Section 3-703 to address the operation of retail businesses engaged in the sale of retail products containing cannabidiol/CBD sold as a principal retail product within the City. The Zoning in Progress Resolution request requires review, preliminary findings, and approval or denial by the City Commission, pursuant to Zoning Code Section 3-704.

The proposed Zoning in Progress will temporarily suspend the processing of applications for, and the issuance of permits, site plan approvals, business tax receipts, or any other official action of the City of Coral Gables permitting or having the effect of allowing the operation of a retail business engaged in the sale of products that contain CBD as a primary retail product in order to allow the development of regulations for such retail businesses.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Draft Resolution