



**City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
September 22, 2015**

ITEM TITLE:

Ordinance on First Reading. An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida, granting guardhouse operators the authority to request information from individuals driving into communities where a guardhouse is present during certain hours, and providing for immunity for actions in accordance with these provisions; providing for Severability, Repealer, Codification, and an Effective Date.



DEPARTMENT HEAD RECOMMENDATION:

Approval.

BRIEF HISTORY:

The purpose of this ordinance is to address a public safety concern raised by residents, and to decrease crime. A number of residential communities in Coral Gables are served by guardhouses. This ordinance will allow guardhouse operators to request that an individual desiring to enter into an area of the City serviced by that guardhouse, between the hours of 11 p.m. and 6 a.m, lower the window to the vehicle and provide certain information. Such information may include the individual's name, the reason why the individual desires to enter the area, and the particular residence or location the individual is visiting. If the driver refuses either to roll down the window or to provide the information requested, the guardhouse operator may call the police department and request that a police officer look into the matter. The guardhouse operator may temporarily decline to open the gate to the vehicle while waiting for the police response, although the vehicle is free to leave without waiting for the police response.

APPROVED BY:

City Attorney/Department Director	City Manager
	

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Draft Ordinance