

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-_____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION AMENDING SEVERAL SECTIONS OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA IN CHAPTER 62, “STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES,” ARTICLE VII, “SPECIAL EVENTS AND PARADES” TO CLARIFY AND IMPROVE THE CITY’S EXISTING SCHEME FOR THE REGULATION AND PERMITTING OF SPECIAL EVENTS, PARADES, AND PUBLIC ASSEMBLIES HELD IN THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEALER, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that it has important and compelling interests in protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the general public and participants in special events, parades, and public assemblies held in the City; in protecting municipal and private property located in the City; in minimizing the obstruction of vehicular and pedestrian traffic in the City; in minimizing the disruption of City services and business activities in the City; and in protecting residents’ right to the quiet and peaceful enjoyment of their homes and neighborhoods in the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that the amendments presented in this Ordinance are content and viewpoint neutral and directs that the provisions of this Ordinance, include the amendments made herein, must always be applied to be consistent with the requirements of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution and all other applicable laws; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that it is necessary and expedient to amend the City Code to clarify and improve the City’s existing scheme for the regulation and permitting of special events, parades, and public assemblies held in public places in the City of Coral Gables; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission desires to amend the existing Special Events and Parades Ordinance by making changes to update outdated language, provide clarity for special event permit applicants, implement additional safeguards to protect municipal property and minimize the disruption of City services and business activities in the City, and generally improve the special event permit application process.

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

SECTION 1. The foregoing “**WHEREAS**” clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Ordinance upon adoption hereof.

SECTION 2. That Chapter 62 – STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES of the City Code of the City of Coral Gables be amended as indicated in the attached Exhibit A:

SECTION 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. If any section, part of section, paragraph, clause, phrase or word of this Ordinance is declared invalid, the remaining provisions of this Ordinance shall not be affected.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Commission of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made part of the City of Coral Gables City Code and that the sections of this “ordinance” may be changed to “section,” “article,” or such other appropriate word or phrase in order to accomplish such intentions.

SECTION 6. If the City of Coral Gables City Code Table of Contents or other reference portions is affected by these provisions, then charges are approved as a part of this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TWENTY-SIXTH DAY OF AUGUST 2025.

APPROVED:

VINCE LAGO
MAYOR

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

BILLY Y. URQUIA
CITY CLERK

CRISTINA M. SUÁREZ
CITY ATTORNEY