

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-30

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO CEASE THE REGULAR USE OF FERTILIZERS CONTAINING NITROGEN OR PHOSPHOROUS BY CITY STAFF OR CITY CONTRACTORS FROM JUNE 1 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30 YEARLY.

WHEREAS, excessive and improper application of fertilizers can contribute to adverse effects on surface and ground water; and

WHEREAS, during particular times of year, namely June 1 through September 30, also known as the prohibited application period, the City is likely to experience periods of heavy rain which may lead to runoff from recently fertilized properties entering our waterways; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission has determined that it is in the best interest of the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the City for the City to cease the regular use of fertilizers containing nitrogen and phosphorous during the rainiest months in South Florida, and as such, the prohibited application period shall run from June 1 to September 30 yearly; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission understands that certain circumstances will require the City to use fertilizers containing nitrogen or phosphorous when re-sodding or caring for the City's larger facilities; and

WHEREAS, the use of all fertilizers during the prohibited application period and throughout the year by City employees and City contractors will be done pursuant to best management practices and under the supervision of appropriately trained staff and contractors; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission directs the City Manager to cease the regular use of fertilizers containing nitrogen or phosphorous by all City staff or City contractors in the performance of landscaping and maintenance work on all properties owned and maintained by the City from June 1 through September 30 each year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED 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 Resolution upon adoption hereof.

SECTION 2. That the City Commission hereby directs the City Manager to cease the regular use of fertilizers containing nitrogen or phosphorous by all City staff or City contractors in the performance of landscaping and maintenance work on all properties owned and maintained by the City from June 1 through September 30 each year, with the understanding that certain rare circumstances may require the City or its contractors to use the products in accordance with best management practices.

SECTION 3. That the City Commission directs the City Manager that any policy shall not affect the current term of existing contracts, but for all contract extensions, renewals, and new contracts, the City Manager is directed to include specific language in all such contracts prohibiting the regular use of fertilizers containing nitrogen or phosphorous during the restricted application period.

SECTION 4. That this Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.


PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY OF JANUARY, A.D., 2020.

(Moved: Keon / Seconded: Mena)
(Yeas: Fors, Jr., Keon, Lago, Mena)
(Absent: Valdes-Fauli)
(Majority: 4-0 Vote)
(Agenda Item: G-6)

APPROVED:


RAUL VALDES-FAULI
MAYOR

ATTEST:


BILLY Y. URQUIA
CITY CLERK

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