

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-__

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, AMENDING SECTION 1-2 “DEFINITIONS AND RULES OF CONSTRUCTION”; SECTION 2-464 “SAME-AUTHORITY TO FIX SCHEDULE OF CHARGES; METHOD OF DETERMINATION”; SECTION 2-1091 “CITY-OWNED PROPERTY SALE OR LEASE GENERALLY; ADVERTISED PUBLIC BIDDING PROCESS; SECTION 18-2 “CANVAS OF RETURNS; DUTY OF COMMISSION; DECLARATION OF RESULTS”; SECTION 34-60 “STATEMENT OF COSTS; FILING; PUBLICATION OF WORK; COST AND LIEN”; SECTION 34-239 “FORFEITURE PROCEEDINGS”; SECTION 58-53 “STATEMENT OF COSTS; PUBLICATION”; SECTION 58-119 “NOTICE BY PUBLICATION”; SECTION 62-329 “PROCEDURES RELATING TO APPLICATIONS”; SECTION 62-331 “ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE”; SECTION 78-281 “REQUIREMENT FOR UNDERGROUND UTILITIES”; SECTION 101-109 “NOTICES”; SECTION 109-41 “PERMIT APPLICATION PROCEDURES- CLASS 1 PERMITS”; AND SECTION 109-42 “SAME- CLASS 2 PERMITS” OF THE CITY CODE IN ORDER TO PROVIDE A DEFINITION OF PUBLICATION AND REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT FOR NEWSPAPER PUBLICATION, PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER PROVISION, SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, in 2022 the State Legislature adopted HB 7049- Legal Notices, amending the legal notice requirements in Chapter 50, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS beginning January 1, 2023 Cities are now permitted to publish all required legal notices and advertisements on a publicly accessible website as specified in Florida Statutes § 50.0311; and

WHEREAS, the City has traditionally advertised and published required notices in newspapers of general circulation however, there have been recent cost increases and fewer options available for publication in newspapers; and

WHEREAS, as the number of newspaper subscribers continues to shrink and the City turns to more responsive and lower cost online notices, including e-news, social media, and the

City's revised website, the City wishes to take advantage of the option to publish legal notices on a publicly accessible website and amend the City Code accordingly; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County has created a County-wide website for legal notices, as required in Florida Statutes, and the City is able to utilize that website for legal notices; and

WHEREAS, the City will proceed to publish annual notices in a newspaper of general circulation pointing residents to the City's online notices as required in Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the City estimates that the move to online notifications will result in over fifty percent savings in annual publication costs; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with this move to online legal advertising the City will conduct an education campaign so that City residents and interested parties are aware of the shift to online publication; and

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

SECTION 1. That 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 the City of Coral Gables City Code be amended as indicated in the attached Exhibit A¹:

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 changes are approved as a part of this Ordinance.

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

^{1 1} Deletions are indicated by ~~strike through~~. Insertions are indicated by underline.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, A.D. 2023.

APPROVED:

VINCE LAGO

MAYOR

ATTEST:

BILLY Y. URQUIA

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM

AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

CRISTINA M. SUÁREZ

CITY ATTORNEY

