

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-35

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES CODE BY CREATING CHAPTER 2 “ADMINISTRATION”, ARTICLE III “BOARDS AND COMMITTEES”, DIVISION “FEMA COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM PROGRAM ACTIVITY 330 PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE” PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER PROVISION, SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Coral Gables lies along various waterways and Biscayne Bay and is vulnerable to tropical weather events and flood hazards that can damage public and private property; and

WHEREAS, the City participates in FEMA’s Community Rating System (CRS) Program, which offers flood insurance policy premium discounts in communities like the City of Coral Gables that have developed and implemented extra measures beyond minimum floodplain management requirements to provide its residences protection from floods; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission wishes to establish a “FEMA Community Rating System Program Activity 330 Program for Public Information Committee” (The PPI Committee) in accordance with FEMA’s CRS Program Activity 330 Outreach Projects and policies and applicable laws and regulations; and

WHEREAS, the FEMA Program for Public Information is an ongoing public information campaign that allows a community through a committee to design and transmit messages that the committee determines are most important to its flood safety and the protection of floodplains’ natural functions; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission believes that the addition of a PPI Committee will provide valuable flood outreach materials to property owners within the City and to help lower the cost of flood insurance for policy holders as part of the City’s participation in FEMA’s CRS program; and

WHEREAS, section 2-57 of the City Code provides that the second reading of an ordinance creating a new board shall be held no earlier than 15 days after passage on the first reading of the ordinance creating said board, however, requirements from the Community Rating System Program and the important of the board require the City Commission to hear this Ordinance on second reading 14 days from its initial passage, as such the City Commission is explicitly waiving the relevant requirement in Section 2-57 of the City Code.

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 Chapter 2, Article III- Boards and Committees of the City Code of Coral Gables, Florida, Division 8 “FEMA Community Rating System Program Activity 330 Program for Public Information Committee” be created as indicated below.

Chapter 2- Administration, Article III- Boards and Committees, Division 8 “ FEMA Community Rating System Program Activity 330 Program for Public Information Committee”

Section 2-234. Creation and Purpose. That a FEMA community rating system program activity 330 program for public information committee (hereinafter “the PPI Committee”) is hereby created in order to assist the City in assessing the City’s public information needs as it relates to floodplain management and to assist the City with all other tasks as indicated in those regulations and policies promulgated by FEMA’s CRS Program as may be amended from time to time. The PPI committee will meet at least once each calendar year.

Section 2-235. Membership and Quorum. The PPI committee shall consist of five (5) members, all which shall be appointed by the City Manager. All appointed members should be confirmed by the city commission. A quorum shall consist of three (3) members. One (1) of the members shall be the City’s public information officer; one (1) shall be the City’s floodplain manager.

Section 2-236. Qualifications. The members of the PPI committee appointed from outside the local government and local staff as cited in Section 2-235, shall represent each of the following areas of experience: real estate, banking, and property insurance.

Section 2-237. Terms of Office, Appointment and Renewal. The PPI committee members’ terms of office shall begin June 1 for a two-year period ending May 31st in odd numbered years. The initial committee members terms will begin retroactive to June 1, 2021 and run through May 31, 2023 or until a successor has been selected. and qualified. All appointments for replacement of any member shall be for the member’s unexpired term.

Section 2-238. Chairperson. The board shall select among its members a chairperson and vice-chairperson who shall serve one-year terms. The chair and vice-chair may be named to successive terms.

Section 2-239. Administrative Support Staff. The City's floodplain manager shall appoint a staff member from his or her department to serve as a liaison. Said support shall include, but will not be limited to, preparation of summary minutes and preparation of meeting agendas.

Section 2-240. Written Reports. The Chairperson shall submit to the City Commission an annual report, approved by the board, in accordance with section 2-59 of the City Code.

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 Code of Ordinances; and that the sections of this "Ordinance" may be changed to "section", "article", or such other appropriate word or phrase to accomplish such intentions.

SECTION 6. If the Official Code of the City of Coral Gables Tables 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 its passage. and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TWELFTH DAY OF OCTOBER, A.D., 2021.


(Moved: Anderson / Seconded: Menendez)

(Yeas: Mena, Menendez, Anderson, Fors, Jr., Lago)

(Unanimous: 5-0 Vote)


(Agenda Item: F-3)


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