

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-__

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 34, ARTICLE 1 OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES CODE TO ESTABLISH A FINE FOR FAILURE TO CURE A MOSQUITO INFESTATION, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEALER, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, it has come to the City Commission’s attention that mosquito infestations are prevalent in areas surrounding the City of Coral Gables; and

WHEREAS, mosquitos are known to carry various dangerous viruses and bacteria that cause serious conditions such as Encephalitis, West Nile Disease, Chikungunya, Zika Virus and others; and

WHEREAS, a mosquito infestation that is not rapidly controlled poses a significant health concern for the residents and visitors of the City of Coral Gables; and

WHEREAS, the City will use its police power in order to combat this safety concern.

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

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. Sec. 34-11 is hereby added to Chapter 34 of the “Code of the City of Coral Gables” pertaining to “Nuisances” and reads as follows:

DIVISION 34 - NUISANCES

ARTICLE 1. – IN GENERAL

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Sec. 34-11. – Mosquitos.

- (1) It shall be unlawful for any property in the City of Coral Gables to have an active mosquito infestation. Any mosquito infestation shall be eliminated immediately.

- (2) It shall be unlawful for any property neighboring the City of Coral Gables to have an active mosquito infestation that results in mosquitos entering into the City. Any mosquito infestation that results in mosquitos entering the City shall be eliminated immediately.
- (3) Failure to eliminate a mosquito infestation is a municipal code violation punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00 or by imprisonment in county jail for a period not to exceed 60 days.
- (4) Along with assessing a running fine of \$500 per day, the City may also seek injunctive relief in an expedited fashion and the attorney's fees that correspond with such an effort.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY

If any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, then said holding shall in no way affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. REPEALER.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. CODIFICATION.

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 a part of the City of Coral Gables Code of Ordinances; and that the sections of this ordinance may be renumbered or relettered to accomplish such intention, and the word "ordinance" may be changed to "section", "article", or such other appropriate word or phrase in order to accomplish such intentions.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, A.D., 2016.

APPROVED:

JIM CASON
MAYOR

ATTEST:

WALTER J. FOEMAN
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL
SUFFICIENCY:

CRAIG E. LEEN
CITY ATTORNEY