



**City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
February 10, 2010**

ITEM TITLE:

Ordinance on First Reading. An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida amending the Zoning Code, Article 5, Division 19, entitled, Signs, and Article 8 providing for provisions for monument signs; and providing for severability, repealer, codification, and an effective date.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE CITY MANAGER:

Approval.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend approval of the proposed text amendment. See attached Ordinance in ~~strikethru~~/underline format (See Exhibit A).

PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD RECOMMENDATION:

The Planning and Zoning Board at their 01.13.2010 meeting recommended approval (vote: 6-0) of the Zoning Code text amendment.

BRIEF HISTORY:

Presently the zoning code allows monument signs on US Highway One and SW 8th Street as a detached sign, however, the term, "monument sign" is not listed within the provisions nor does a definition exist. This request clarifies that monument signs are permitted pursuant to the detached signs provisions of the Zoning Code and provides a definition.

This proposal also allows up to three tenant names on monument signs whereas the current code only allows one tenant. This provides additional flexibility for multitenant buildings and also encourages monument signs which is aesthetically more appealing. Examples of existing detached signs and monument signs are provided as exhibits.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

Date:	Resolution/Ordinance No.	Comments

OTHER ADVISORY BOARD/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION(S):

Date	Board/Committee	Comments (if any)
01.13.2010	Planning and Zoning Board	Recommended approval (vote: 6-0)

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION(S):

Date	Form of Notification
12.31.2009	Published Planning and Zoning Board Meeting Agenda in newspaper.
02.05.2010	City Commission memo and all attachments posted on City web page.

APPROVED BY:

Department Director	City Attorney (If Applicable)	City Manager
 Eric Riel, Jr. Planning Director		

EXHIBIT(S):

- A. Ordinance.
- B. Photographs.
- C. 01.13.2010 Staff report and attachments.
- D. 01.13.2010 Planning and Zoning Board meeting minutes.

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