



**City of Coral Gables  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
May 12, 2015**

**ITEM TITLE:**

An Ordinance of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, relating to the provision of services, facilities and programs throughout the incorporated areas of Coral Gables, Florida; authorizing the imposition and collection of special assessments against property; providing certain definitions; providing for the creation of assessment areas; providing a procedure to impose special assessments; establishing procedures for notice and adoption of assessment rolls and for correction of errors and omissions; providing that assessments constitute a lien on assessed property upon adoption of the assessment rolls; providing for interim assessments; authorizing hardship assistance and certain exemptions; providing a procedure for collection of special assessments; providing a mechanism for the imposition of assessments on government property; repealing Ordinance No. 2009-37 concerning fire protection assessments; providing for codification; providing for severability; and providing an effective date.  
*(This Master Services Assessment Ordinance provides the procedures for the establishment of services special assessments, such as the fire protection services and solid waste services assessments. It does not impose the actual assessment nor does it obligate the Commission to proceed with the program).*

**DEPARTMENT HEAD RECOMMENDATION:**

Approval.

**BRIEF HISTORY:**

The City is contemplating the imposition of special assessments for certain of its existing solid waste accounts. Additionally, the City has an existing Fire Protection Assessment Program. The attached Master Service Assessment Ordinance will establish uniform procedures for the imposition of these two special assessment programs, as well as any additional service special assessment programs the Commission may consider in the future.

The Ordinance provides for the creation of assessment areas within the city, outlines the procedures for the establishment of an assessment area and the initial and annual implementation steps for imposing special assessments by subsequent resolution. The ordinance also provides for collection on the ad valorem tax bill pursuant to section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, or pursuant to an alternative collection procedure elected by the Commission.

The proposed Master Service Assessment Ordinance would replace the City's existing Fire Protection Assessment Ordinance, Ordinance No. 2009-37.

The proposed Master Service Assessment Ordinance does not impose the special assessments for solid waste services nor does it obligate the Commission to proceed with this program. After the adoption of this Ordinance, resolutions to begin the process for imposition of special assessments will be brought to the Commission for consideration.

**APPROVED BY:**

| Department Director | City Attorney | City Manager |
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**ATTACHMENT(S):**

- 1. Ordinance