



City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
May 5, 2026

ITEM TITLE:

A Resolution of the City Commission to provide staff with direction for the development of a Landscape & Maintenance Assessment Program.

BOARD RECOMMENDATION:

The City of Coral Gables has made significant investments in enhancing the public realm within the Central Business District (CBD), including streetscape improvements, pedestrian-friendly spaces, and landscaped corridors. Maintaining these areas at a consistently high standard is critical to supporting economic activity, enhancing the visitor experience, and preserving the City's aesthetic character.

Currently, maintenance and cleaning services within the CBD are provided through a combination of City staff and contracted services. While these efforts have been effective, service levels vary, and responsibilities are distributed across multiple entities, including adjacent property owners, resulting in inconsistencies in cleanliness, landscape quality, and overall appearance.

To address these challenges, staff has developed a draft scope of work for a Landscape & Maintenance Assessment Program, which would establish a centralized and enhanced service model within defined boundaries, including Ponce de Leon Boulevard and the surrounding downtown area. The program would provide enhanced maintenance, cleaning, litter control, landscape installation, and ongoing upkeep of public spaces, sidewalks, planters, medians, and alleyways.

The proposed program contemplates a tiered assessment structure based on services and level of landscaping provided and would supplement, but not replace, existing property owner responsibilities under City Code.

Staff is requesting direction from the City Commission as it relates to the draft scope of work to proceed with the development of the program.

Financial Impact

No.	Amount	Account No.	Source of Funds
N/A			

The proposed program is intended to enhance the overall appearance, cleanliness, and functionality of the Downtown Coral Gables area which supports local businesses, increases foot traffic, and improves the experience for residents and visitors.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Draft Resolution
2. Draft Scope of Work