



City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
October 13, 2015

ITEM TITLE:

Ordinance on Second Reading. An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida, granting guardhouse operators the authority to request information from individuals driving into communities where a guardhouse is present during certain hours, and providing for immunity for actions in accordance with these provisions; providing for Severability, Repealer, Codification, and an Effective Date.

DEPARTMENT HEAD RECOMMENDATION:


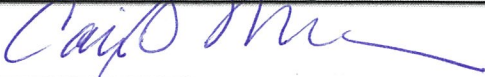
Approval.

BRIEF HISTORY:

The purpose of this ordinance is to address a public safety concern raised by residents, and to decrease crime. A number of residential communities in Coral Gables are served by guardhouses. Between the hours of midnight and 6 a.m., this ordinance will allow guardhouse operators to request that an individual desiring to enter into an area of the City serviced by that guardhouse to open the vehicle window and provide the destination. The guardhouse operator may temporarily delay opening the gate to make these requests. A legal duty will be placed on the driver to open the window and provide the destination. The failure to do so will constitute a municipal ordinance violation. An example of a notice that could be posted at the guardhouse or provided to a driver is attached as well.

Between first and second readings, the ordinance was revised in several respects based on the comments by the Commission on First Reading and additional feedback from City staff. These revisions will be presented by the City Attorney at the Commission meeting.

APPROVED BY:

City Attorney/Department Director	City Manager
	

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Draft Ordinance
2. Example Notice