

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-160**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION ON THE PROPOSED BALLOT QUESTION AND CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026; PROVIDING FOR SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS FOR APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF A BALLOT QUESTION ASKING WHETHER THE CITY CHARTER SHOULD BE AMENDED TO INCLUDE A REQUIREMENT THAT ANY CHANGES TO THE COMPENSATION OF THE ELECTED OFFICIALS, BEYOND THAT REGULAR CONSUMER PRICE INDEX INCREASE DETAILED IN THE CITY CODE BE SUBMITTED TO A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CITY CHARTER; PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**WHEREAS** Section 3 of the City Charter provides that the Commission may, by ordinance, provide for the compensation of its members, including the Mayor, and for the allowance of travel and office expenses; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 2-29 of the City Code provide further details as to the total compensation of the elected and officials and provides that any increases in compensation for elected officials shall be tied to the annual increase in the CPI-W for urban wage earners and clerical workers from the preceding July, and shall be ratified by the commission at a public hearing, with such increase to be retroactive to the beginning of the Fiscal Year; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission has historically approved compensation for each member of the Commission during the yearly budget and most recently in Ordinance 2025-06 amended the salary, travel, and office expense amounts to reflect that compensation given during the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year, inclusive of those CPI-W increases provided for in Section 2-29 of the City Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the current compensation of the elected officials is set as follows:

(a) *Compensation.* The annual compensation of the five members of the City Commission for the Fiscal Year beginning May 19, 2025, shall be \$ 47,408.62 for the mayor, \$41,475.57 for the vice-mayor, and \$38,522.75 for

each of the three commissioners. Commencing October 1, 1986, and each October thereafter, all increases in compensation for elected officials shall be tied to the annual increase in the CPI-W for urban wage earners and clerical workers from the preceding July, and shall be ratified by the commission at a public hearing, with such increase to be retroactive to the beginning of the Fiscal Year.

(b) *Travel expense.* Travel expense for each commissioner is hereby fixed at \$1,200.00 per annum, and travel expense for the mayor-commissioner is hereby fixed at \$1,800.00 per annum, at a minimum, or as provided for in the annual adopted budget.

(c) *Expense allowance.* An expense allowance for each commissioner is hereby fixed at minimum amount of \$500 per month for the mayor and \$400 per month for the vice mayor and each of the three commissioners or as provided for in the annual adopted budget.

(d) *Mayor's office allowance.* Office allowance for the mayor for secretarial, telephone, postage and like expenses is hereby fixed at \$100.00 per month, at a minimum, or as provided for in the annual adopted budget.

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission wishes to send a question to the voters in order to amend the Charter to require that any changes to that compensation, besides the annual Consumer Price Index adjustment specified in the City Code, be sent to the electors prior to adoption by the City Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, this Resolution calls for a special election for a proposed ballot question to be placed on the November 3, 2026 ballot; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to section 6.03 of the Miami-Dade County Home Rule Charter, as well as the City Charter and Chapter 18 of the City Code, the City Commission is authorized to submit ballot questions to the electors of the City for approval or rejection of proposed amendments to the City Charter;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED 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 Resolution upon adoption hereof.

**SECTION 2. BALLOT QUESTION AND CHARTER AMENDMENT.** That

pursuant to section 6.03 of the Miami-Dade County Home Rule Charter, as well as the City Charter and Chapter 18 of the City Code, the Commission seeks to place before the voters an amendment to the City's Charter. The specific language for the amendment to the City Charter proposed by this Section is provided in Exhibit 1 to this Resolution.

**SECTION 3. ELECTION CALLED.** That on November 3, 2026, qualified electors in the City of Coral Gables will be presented with the ballot question provided in Section 4 of this Resolution.

**SECTION 4. FORM OF THE BALLOT QUESTION.** That the form of ballot for the question provided for in Section 2 of this Resolution shall substantially be as provided below:

**REQUIRING A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS PRIOR TO ANY CHANGES  
TO THE COMPENSATION OF THE CITY'S ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Shall the City Charter be amended to require:

That any change to the compensation of the City's elected officials, beyond the annual adjustment to compensation based on the Consumer Price Index as set forth in the Code, requires an affirmative vote of the electors prior to adoption by the City Commission.

\_\_\_\_\_ YES

\_\_\_\_\_ NO

**SECTION 5. BALLOTING.** That balloting shall be conducted between the hours of 7:00 am and 7:00 pm on the date of the election. Vote-by-mail ballots shall be available. Early voting shall be provided in conjunction with the general election. All qualified City electors who are timely registered in accordance with law shall be entitled to vote. The City Clerk is authorized to obtain any and all necessary election administration services from the Miami-Dade County (the "County") Supervisor of Elections. The County registration books shall remain open at the Office of the County Supervisor of Elections until the date at which the registration books shall close in accordance with the provisions of the general election laws. The City Clerk and the County Supervisor of Elections are hereby authorized to take all appropriate action necessary to carry into effect and accomplish the provisions of this Resolution. This election shall be canvassed by the Miami-Dade County Canvassing Board.

**SECTION 6. NOTICE OF ELECTION.** That notice of said election shall be published in accordance with Section 100.342, Fla. Stat., in a newspaper of general circulation within the City at least 30 days prior to said election, or by publication on the County's website as provided in Section 50.0311, Fla. Stat. the municipality's website, or

the supervisor's website, as applicable. The first publication shall be in the fifth week prior to the election, and the second publication shall be in the third week prior to the election, and notice shall be in substantially the following form:

**"NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION"**

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION NO. 2025-160 ADOPTED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, AN ELECTION HAS BEEN CALLED AND ORDERED TO BE HELD WITHIN THE CITY ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 03, 2026, BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 7:00 A.M. AND 7:00 P.M., AT WHICH TIME THE FOLLOWING PROPOSAL SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY

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\_\_\_\_\_ YES

\_\_\_\_\_ NO

**SECTION 7. EFFECTIVENESS.**

- A. That the question provided for in Section 2 and 4 above shall become effective only if the majority of qualified electors voting on the specific question vote for its adoption, and it shall be considered adopted and effective upon certification of election results.
- B. That the City Attorney is authorized to revise the City Charter to the extent necessary to assure that the adoption of the Charter amendment provided for in this question conforms to and is properly included in the publication of the revised Charter, and to provide for transitional provision if needed.
- C. That the City Attorney is authorized to revise the exact working of this Resolution, the ballot question contained herein, and the exhibit hereto to the extent necessary to ensure its placement on the ballot in accordance with law.
- D. That following the election, the City Clerk, City Attorney, and City Manager are directed to revise and encode and take any necessary actions to implement the amendment, if approved by the voters.

**SECTION 8. INCLUSION IN THE CHARTER.** That subject to the requirements herein, it is the intent of the City Commission, and it is hereby provided, that any Charter amendment approved by the voters shall become and be made a part of the City Charter.

**SECTION 9. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Resolution shall become effective upon passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TWENTIETH DAY OF MAY, A.D., 2025.

(Moved: Anderson / Seconded: Fernandez)

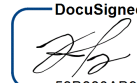
(Yeas: Anderson, Fernandez, Lara, Lago)

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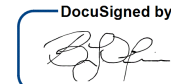
(Majority: (4-1) Vote)

(Agenda Item: F-10)

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## **EXHIBIT 1**

(Deletions are indicated by ~~striketrough~~. Insertions are indicated by underline.)

### **Sec. 7. - Compensation, Commissioners and Mayor.**

The Commission may, by ordinance, provide for the compensation of its members, including the Mayor, and for the allowance of travel and office expenses. Any changes to the compensation of the Commission after November 3, 2026, beyond the annual increases in compensation for elected officials tied to the annual increase in the CPI-W for urban wage earners and clerical workers from the preceding July as set forth in the City Code, shall require a vote of the electors prior to adoption by the City Commission.