



City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
January 28, 2020

ITEM TITLE:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO CEASE THE REGULAR USE OF FERTILIZERS CONTAINING NITROGEN OR PHOSPHOROUS BY CITY STAFF OR CITY CONTRACTORS FROM JUNE 1 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30 YEARLY.

(Sponsored by Commissioner Keon)

BRIEF HISTORY:

Excessive and improper application of fertilizers can contribute to adverse effects on surface and ground water. While the City currently follows best management practices in the application of fertilizers to City owned and operated properties, the City Commission has determined that it is in the best interest of the public health, safety, and welfare to cease the regular use of fertilizers containing nitrogen and phosphorous during the rainiest months in South Florida, namely, from June 1 to September 30th each year.

This prohibited application period will apply to City employees and City contractors who are fertilizing City-owned and operated properties and will allow for the occasional use of nitrogen and phosphorous based fertilizers during the prohibited application period when resodding or caring for the City's larger facilities.

The use of any and all fertilizers by City staff or contractors will be done pursuant to best management practices and under the supervision of appropriately trained staff and contractors.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- 1. Draft Resolution**