



City of Coral Gables  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
August 26, 2025

**ITEM TITLE:**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, FORMALIZING A PERMITTING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (PAP) TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IN COORDINATION WITH THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT, PROVIDING FOR CONCIERGE PERMITTING ASSISTANCE, INTER-DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION, AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT AS AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE. (7/2/25 Economic Development Board recommended approval, 4-0)

**BRIEF HISTORY:**

The Coral Gables Permitting Assistance Program (PAP) is an economic development initiative created in 2011 in collaboration with the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce to assist new-to-market and existing businesses in obtaining timely permits, resulting in a material positive impact on job retention and creation, as well as capital investment in Coral Gables.

The PAP is a strategic economic development initiative which is important for the business community because:

- Businesses can open faster: Delays are costly (rent, payroll, lost revenue)
- Reinforces a business-friendly reputation: With regional competition for new companies, the PAP sends a clear message to prospects.
- Supports multinationals, headquarters and national firms.
- Minimizes uncertainties and enhances the customer experience.

The City currently provides informal permitting assistance to businesses that meet the criteria through collaboration between its Development Services Department and the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce. Formalizing the program strengthens the City's economic development toolkit, aligns practices with the City's business attraction goals and Economic Development Strategic Plan, and facilitates the growth and expansion of businesses within the City.

**Financial Impact**

No.	Amount	Account No.	Source of Funds

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. Draft Resolution
2. Permitting Assistance Program (Exhibit A)