



City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
August 24, 2021

ITEM TITLE:

Ordinance on Second Reading: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES AMENDING THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES ETHICS CODE TO ADD SECTION 2-307, "PROHIBITION ON CAMPAIGN/POLITICAL CONSULTANTS LOBBYING AND DOING BUSINESS WITH THE CITY" PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEALER, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE (Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

BRIEF HISTORY:

In the City's consistent stride toward serving as an example of ethical and transparent government, this Ordinance prohibits campaign/political consultants from lobbying the City Commission, as a whole, or the elected official for whom the consultant provided services, for 24 months following the last election cycle/swearing in of that particular elected official. In addition, the ordinance prohibits campaign/political consultants from doing business with the City for 24 months following the election of an elected official on whose campaign he/she worked.

The ordinance applies to all election cycles held after April 1, 2021, thereby applying both prohibitions to campaign/political consultants that worked on campaigns during that cycle.

Changes from first to second reading (denoted in redline in the attached ordinance):

- Changed period of time from 12 to 24 months;
- Added a prohibition on campaign/political consultant doing business with the City for 24 months;
- Added an express prohibition on passthroughs; and
- Changed exemption from employees of campaign/political consultants whose duties are "primarily" clerical, to those whose duties are "solely" clerical.

1. Draft Ordinance