



City of Coral Gables Planning and Zoning Staff Report

Applicant: City of Coral Gables
 Application: **Zoning Code Text Amendment: Mediterranean Bonus Standards**
 Public Hearing: Planning and Zoning Board
 Date & Time: **November 10, 2021; 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.**
 Location: City Commission Chambers, City Hall,
 405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, Florida 33134

1. APPLICATION REQUEST

The City of Coral Gables has initiated a request for a Zoning Code Text Amendment as follows:

An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida, providing for text amendments to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code, Article 5, "Architecture," Section 5-200, "Mediterranean Standards;" to limit the Mediterranean Bonus program to Coral Gables Mediterranean Architectural Style and expand the Board of Architects review process to include an optional conceptual review; providing for severability, repealer, codification, and for an effective date.

2. APPLICATION SUMMARY

Based on the City Commission discussions, the following text amendments to the Mediterranean Bonus program are proposed:

- Mediterranean Style required for all Tables
- Optional Conceptual Design review

3. REVIEW TIMELINE / PUBLIC NOTICE

City Review Timeline

The submitted applications have undergone the following City reviews:

REVIEW COMMITTEES AND BOARDS	DATE
Planning and Zoning Board	11.10.21
City Commission – 1 st Reading	10.26.21
City Commission – 2 nd Reading	TBD

The following has been completed to solicit input and provide notice of the Application:

PUBLIC NOTICE	DATE
Legal advertisement	10.29.21
Posted agenda and Staff report on City web page/City Hall	11.04.21

4. FINDINGS OF FACT

The proposed changes are provided as Attachment A in ~~striketrough~~ / underline format.

Zoning Code Section 14-212.5 provides review standards for Zoning Code text amendments:

Standard	Staff Evaluation
a. Promotes the public health, safety, and welfare.	The intent of the proposed amendment is to improve the process and outcome of the Mediterranean Bonus program which promotes public welfare as it enhances the aesthetics of the city.
b. Does not permit uses the Comprehensive Plan prohibits in the area affected by the text amendment.	The proposed amendments of requiring Mediterranean Style and Conceptual review do not directly impact the uses which are allowed in the Comprehensive Plan.
c. Does not allow densities or intensities in excess of the densities and intensities which are permitted by the future land use categories of the affected property.	The proposed text amendment improves the review process and aesthetics for Mediterranean style buildings, and strengthens the requirements to allow the established density and intensity bonuses.
d. Will not cause a decline in the level of service for public infrastructure which is the subject of a concurrency requirement to a level of service which is less than the minimum requirements of the Comprehensive Plan.	The proposed text amendment strengthens the requirements for Mediterranean bonus and will not affect the level of service for public infrastructure.
e. Does not directly conflict with any objective or policy of the Comprehensive Plan.	The proposed amendment is to fulfill the objectives and policies of the Comprehensive Plan to provide architectural incentives for Mediterranean style buildings.

Staff comments:

The proposed text amendments provide for an optional conceptual design review by the Board of Architects to promote compatibility within a neighborhood. The proposed text changes also strengthen the Mediterranean Bonus program by requiring that all buildings be designed in the Mediterranean architectural style. The standards identified in Section 14-212.5 for the proposed Zoning text amendment are **satisfied**.

5. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Based upon the complete Findings of Fact contained within this report, staff recommends the following:

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Style and expand the Board of Architects review process to include an optional conceptual review; providing for severability, repealer, codification, and for an effective date.

Staff recommends **Approval**.

6. ATTACHMENTS

- A. Draft Ordinance with proposed text amendments.
- B. Legal advertisement published.

Please visit the City’s webpage at www.coralgables.com to view all Application plans and materials, notices, applicable public comments, minutes, etc. The complete Application and all background information also is on file and available for examination during business hours at the Planning and Zoning Division, 427 Biltmore Way, Suite 201, Coral Gables, Florida 33134.

Respectfully submitted,



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City of Coral Gables, Florida

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-__

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR TEXT AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES OFFICIAL ZONING CODE, ARTICLE 5, “ARCHITECTURE,” SECTION 5-200, “MEDITERRANEAN STANDARDS;” TO LIMIT THE MEDITERRANEAN BONUS PROGRAM TO CORAL GABLES MEDITERRANEAN ARCHITECTURAL STYLE AND EXPAND THE BOARD OF ARCHITECTS REVIEW PROCESS TO INCLUDE AN OPTIONAL CONCEPTUAL REVIEW; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEALER, CODIFICATION, AND FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Commission is considering Zoning Code text amendments to address the incentives and/or bonuses provided in Section 5-200 of the Zoning Code ‘Mediterranean Standards;’ and

WHEREAS, a Blue Ribbon Committee was appointed by the City Commission to study the Mediterranean Bonus; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Ribbon Committee’s recommendations were considered and two ideas were incorporated into the proposed Ordinance: Conceptual Review and the emphasis on Mediterranean architecture; and

WHEREAS, Staff prepared text amendments based on the City Commission discussions; and

WHEREAS, on October 26, 2021 the City Commission was presented on first reading the proposed text amendments to Section 5-200 of the Zoning Code ‘Mediterranean Standards’ including other text amendments regarding maximum bonus height for MF4 and interior side setbacks for certain MF3 properties as directed by the City Commission; and

WHEREAS, the City staff incorporated changes from first reading, and recommendations from the Planning and Zoning Board, and the City Commission was presented with a final text amendment on Second reading, included below:

Article 5. Architecture

Section 5-200. Mediterranean Standards

Section 5-201. Coral Gables Mediterranean style design standards.

The Coral Gables Mediterranean style design standards incorporate a basic required standard (Table 1), and two additional levels of standards (Tables 2 and 3).

A. Purpose and applicability.

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- a. Provide bonuses and incentives to property owners to encourage and expand the creative use of ~~the various architectural styles in association with promoting~~ public realm improvements.

2. Zoning district applicability. These regulations are available for new construction, additions, restorations ~~and/or~~ renovations of existing buildings using Coral Gables Mediterranean architectural ~~all types of architecture styles~~ as described herein provided such property is located within the Multi-Family-2 (MF2), Multi-Family-3 (MF3), Multi-Family-4 (MF4), Mixed-Use-1 (MX1), Mixed-Use-2 (MX2), Mixed-Use-3 (MX3), except as otherwise provided herein.

4. In the MF3 and MF4 Districts, all development shall comply with the provisions for residential uses which are set out in Table 1, and five (5) of ~~ten~~ twelve (12) of the standards in Table 2; however, the bonus heights shall not apply to MF3.

C. Level 1 bonus – Standards for Coral Gables Mediterranean Style ~~all types of architectural design~~. Bonuses are available up to a maximum of 0.2 floor area ratio and up to a maximum of one (1) story ~~for all types of architectural designs of buildings~~. The allowable stories shall not exceed are subject to the subject property applicable CP Map designation per and the height as is regulated by the Zoning Code. The allowable stories and height are as follows:

Section 14-108. Development Review Committee.

Section 14-108.1. Purpose and intent.

The Development Review Committee (DRC) is an administrative staff committee, which reviews projects of varying scope that may benefit from staff input before the projects are presented to the City Commission and/or the various development review Boards appointed by the City Commission (the “Boards”). An optional conceptual review by the Board of Architects is available prior to submitting a DRC application.

The DRC is also an administrative and technical committee that provides input on technical issues raised by a development project for consistency with policies established

by the City Commission. The DRC is intended to streamline and coordinate the review of the development process by identifying and addressing all of the issues that will subsequently be heard by the City Commission and/or other Boards of the City, therefore, minimizing the number of reviews by the City Commission and the Boards, and providing applicants with a single administrative committee at which they can be provided input, advice and comments regarding all applicable provisions and regulations applicable to the development applications, projects or similar reviews. The comments and input provided by the DRC is not meant to be an exhaustive technical review and additional comments may be raised upon formal submittal of more detailed development plans. Although the DRC meetings are open to the public, no decision is made at the meeting and public comment is not intended to be solicited.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES THAT:

SECTION 1. The foregoing “WHEREAS” clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Ordinance upon adoption hereof.

SECTION 2. The Official Zoning Code of the City of Coral Gables is hereby amended.

SECTION 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. If any section, part of section, paragraph, clause, phrase or word of this Ordinance is declared invalid, the remaining provisions of this Ordinance shall not be affected.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Commission of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made part of the “Zoning Code” of the City of Coral Gables, Florida; and that the sections of this “ordinance” may be changed to “section”, “article”, or such other appropriate word or phrase in order to accomplish such intentions.

SECTION 6. If the Official Zoning Code of the City of Coral Gables Tables of Contents or other reference portions is affected by these provisions, then changes are approved as a part of this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. This Ordinance shall become effective upon the date of its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, A.D., 2021.

(Moved: / Seconded:)

(Yeas:)

(; Vote)

APPROVED:

VINCE LAGO
MAYOR

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

BILLY Y. URQUIA
CITY CLERK

MIRIAM SOLER RAMOS
CITY ATTORNEY

MIAMI DAILY BUSINESS REVIEW

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Miami, Miami-Dade County, Florida

**STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF MIAMI-DADE:**

Before the undersigned authority personally appeared GUILLERMO GARCIA, who on oath says that he or she is the DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS, Legal Notices of the Miami Daily Business Review f/k/a Miami Review, a daily (except Saturday, Sunday and Legal Holidays) newspaper, published at Miami in Miami-Dade County, Florida; that the attached copy of advertisement, being a Legal Advertisement of Notice in the matter of

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in the XXXX Court,
was published in said newspaper in the issues of

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Affiant further says that the said Miami Daily Business Review is a newspaper published at Miami, in said Miami-Dade County, Florida and that the said newspaper has heretofore been continuously published in said Miami-Dade County, Florida each day (except Saturday, Sunday and Legal Holidays) and has been entered as second class mail matter at the post office in Miami in said Miami-Dade County, Florida, for a period of one year next preceding the first publication of the attached copy of advertisement; and affiant further says that he or she has neither paid nor promised any person, firm or corporation any discount, rebate, commission or refund for the purpose of securing this advertisement for publication in the said newspaper.

Guillermo Garcia

Sworn to and subscribed before me this
29 day of OCTOBER A.D. 2021

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GUILLERMO GARCIA personally known to me



**CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
HYBRID MEETING ON ZOOM PLATFORM**

City Public Hearing **Local Planning Agency / Planning and Zoning Board**
Dates/Times **Wednesday, November 10, 2021, 6:00 p.m.**
Location **City Commission Chamber, City Hall**
 405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL 33134

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the City of Coral Gables, Florida, Local Planning Agency (LPA)/ Planning and Zoning Board (PZB) will conduct Public Hearing on the following:

1. An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida, providing for text amendments to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code, Article 5, "Architecture," Section 5-200, "Mediterranean Standards;" to limit the Mediterranean Bonus program to Coral Gables Mediterranean Architectural Style and expand the Board of Architects review process to include an optional conceptual review; providing for severability, repealer, codification, and for an effective date.
2. An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida, providing for text amendments to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code, Article 4, "Zoning Districts," Section 2-100, "Residential Districts" and Article 5, "Architecture," Section 5-200, "Mediterranean Standards;" to remove the Mediterranean Bonus of height for Multi-Family 4 (MF4) properties; providing for severability, repealer, codification, and for an effective date.
3. An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida providing for a text amendment to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code by amending Article 1, "General Provisions," Section 1-109, "Construction Rules," to clearly state that where the provisions of this Zoning Code vary from the applicable requirements of any law, statute, rule, regulation, ordinance, or code, the most restrictive or that imposing the higher standard shall govern, including within the Miami-Dade County Rapid Transit Zone; providing for severability, repealer, codification, and an effective date.
4. An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida providing for a text amendment to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code by amending Article 3, "Uses," Section 3-206, "Home Office," to provide additional requirements and allowances for a Home Office consistent with the requirements of Chapter 2021-202, Laws of Florida; providing for severability, repealer, codification, and an effective date. (ON 10 13 21 ITEM WAS DEFERRED TO THE NOVEMBER MEETING.)

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5. An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida providing for a text amendment to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code by amending Article 10, "Parking," Section 10-110, "Amount of required parking" and Article 16, "Definitions," to clarify parking requirements related to single-family building alterations and update the definition for a single-family residence regarding the use of covered open air walkways, and location of porte-coches and carports; providing for severability, repealer codification, and an effective date. (ON 10 13 21 ITEM WAS DEFERRED TO THE NOVEMBER MEETING.)
6. An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida granting approval of proposed amendments to the text of the City of Coral Gables Comprehensive Plan, pursuant to expedited state review procedures (S.163.3184, Florida Statutes) and Zoning Code Article 14, "Process," Section 14-213, "Comprehensive Plan Text and Map Amendments;" to provide for a Property Rights Element with Goals, Objectives, and Policies; providing for a repealer provision, providing for a severability clause, and providing for an effective date.
7. An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida granting approval of proposed amendments to the text and maps of the City of Coral Gables Comprehensive Plan, pursuant to expedited state review procedures (S.163.3184, Florida Statutes) and Zoning Code Article 14, "Process," Section 14-213, "Comprehensive Plan Text and Map Amendments;" to provide updates to the Recreation and Open Space Element and all corresponding map series; providing for a repealer provision, providing for a severability clause, and providing for an effective date.
8. An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida granting approval of proposed amendments to the Mixed-Use Overlay District Map of the City of Coral Gables Comprehensive Plan, pursuant to expedited state review procedures (S.163.3184, Florida Statutes) and Zoning Code Article 14, "Process," Section 14-213, "Comprehensive Plan Text and Map Amendments;" to update the Mixed-Use Overlay District Map (FLU-2) to be consistent with the Future Land Use Map; providing for a repealer provision, providing for a severability clause, and providing for an effective date.

The Planning and Zoning Board will be holding its regular board meeting on Wednesday, November 10, 2021, commencing at 6:00 p.m. Pursuant to Resolution No. 2021-118, the City of Coral Gables has returned to traditional in-person meetings. Accordingly, any individual wishing to provide sworn testimony shall be present physically in the City Commission Chambers. However, the City Commission has established the ability for the public to provide comments (non-sworn and without evidentiary value) virtually. Accordingly, only individuals who wishes to provide public comment in this format, may appear and provide those comments via Zoom.

Members of the public may join the meeting via Zoom at (<https://zoom.us/j/83788709513>). In addition, a dedicated phone line will be available so that any individual who does not wish (or is unable) to use Zoom may listen to and participate in the meeting by dialing: (305) 461-6769 Meeting ID: 837 8870 9513. The public may comment on an item using the City's E-Comment function which may be found on the City's website at: (www.coralgables.com/pzb) once the meeting's agenda is published, or by sending an email to planning@coralgables.com prior to the meeting.

The meeting will also be broadcasted live for members of the public to view on the City's website (www.coralgables.com/cqtv) as well as Channel 77 on Comcast.

Sincerely,
Ramon Trias
Assistant Director of Planning and Zoning
City of Coral Gables, Florida
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