

RESOLUTION NO. 2024_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES URGING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO EXPEDITE THE DESIGNATION OF A PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE WEBSITE TO HOST LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS AND PUBLIC NOTICES PURSUANT TO SECTION 50.0311 OF THE FLORIDA STATUTES.

WHEREAS, section 50.0311 of the Florida Statutes allows a municipality to use the publicly accessible website of the County in which it lies to publish legally required advertisements and public notices if the cost of publishing advertisements and public notices on such website is less than the cost of publishing advertisements and public notices in a newspaper and other conditions are satisfied; and

WHEREAS, the newspaper that the City of Coral Gables ("City") customarily utilized to publish legal advertisements and public notices, the Daily Business Review, is no longer offered in print, forcing the City to use alternative publications and resulting in significantly higher costs; and

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2024, the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners passed Resolution 281-24 directing the County Mayor, or her designee, to take all necessary steps to provide for publication of legal advertisements and public notices on a publicly accessible website of the County; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 281-24 also directed the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to develop a form interlocal agreement for use by the County and another local government in Miami-Dade County when such local government wishes to utilize the County's website to publish legal advertisements and notices; and

WHEREAS, in anticipation, of utilizing Miami-Dade County's website in the future to transition from print to online publication of legal advertisements and public notices, the City Commission adopted Ordinance Number 2024-03 to make necessary amendments to the Coral Gables City Code and Zoning Code; and

WHEREAS, while Miami-Dade County Resolution 281-24 provides for a timeline for implementation, that timeline can be extended in 90-day intervals until implementation is complete; and

WHEREAS, the City, along with numerous other similarly situated municipalities, stands to realize substantial savings, along with an overall process improvement; and

WHEREAS, as a more cost-effective option, the City desires to publish its official notices digitally through a publicly accessible website in accordance with Section 50.0311, Florida Statutes as soon as possible; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission therefore urges Miami-Dade County to expedite the designation or development of a publicly accessible website to host legal advertisements and public notices and to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the City as contemplated in Resolution 281-24.

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 are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon adoption hereof.

SECTION 2. That the City Commission hereby urges Miami-Dade County to expedite the designation or development of a publicly accessible website to host legal advertisements and public notices pursuant to Section 50.0311 of the Florida Statutes.

SECTION 3. That the City Commission hereby urges Miami-Dade County to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the City to host its legal advertisements and public notices as contemplated in Resolution 281-24 as expeditiously as possible.

SECTION 4. That this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

APPROVED:

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