



**City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
January 10, 2017**

ITEM TITLE:

Ordinance on Second Reading. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, AMENDING SECTION 105-26 OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES CODE TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN EXTERIOR CONSTRUCTION ON SATURDAYS (ALONG WITH SUNDAYS AND HOLIDAYS) IN RESIDENTIAL ZONES OR WITHIN 100 FEET OF RESIDENTIAL ZONES, PROVIDING FOR REPEALER, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, ENFORCEABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Sponsored by Commissioner Lago)

BRIEF HISTORY:

Section 105-26 of the City of Coral Gables Code currently permits construction on Saturdays between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. This section also prohibits all construction on Sundays and holidays in all areas of the City. Exterior construction produces significant noise and causes a disturbance to neighboring properties. The Ordinance is based on the idea that residents of the City are entitled to the peaceful enjoyment of their homes, especially on the weekends.

This Ordinance amends Section 105-26 of the City Code to prohibit exterior construction on Saturdays in residential zones or within 100 feet of residential zones that exceeds 60dB or 10dB over ambient noise. Exterior construction being performed by a property owner under an owner-builder permit or by a property owner or resident performing work that does not required a permit is permitted on Saturdays between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Interior construction will continue to be permitted on Saturdays and no construction will be permitted on Sundays or holidays. The Ordinance also prohibits music or programing that exceeds 60dB or 10dB over ambient noise.

The Ordinance exempts construction being performed by the City and emergency work affecting life and/or safety which is permitted in accordance with the requirements of the current Florida Building Code.

The Ordinance provides for its language to be posted in the appropriate City offices as well as on all relevant permits. It also orders for an educational piece to be prepared and distributed to residents. The Ordinance further provides for a three (3) month educational period followed by a three (3) month warning period before tickets are issued.

APPROVED BY:

City Attorney	Assistant City Manager	City Manager

ATTACHMENT(S):

- 1. Draft Ordinance