



**City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
March 10, 2009**

AGENDA ITEM NO. _____

ITEM TITLE:

Ordinance on Second Reading. An Ordinance of the City of Coral Gables amending Zoning Code Article 5, Division 19, entitled "Signs", Section 5-1909, "Campaign", by providing for the allowance of campaign and political signs within specified zoning districts, providing the size of campaign and political signs within specified zoning districts, providing for the length of time campaign and political signs are allowed in the City of Coral Gables following elections and other miscellaneous provisions; and, Article 8, "Definitions", by providing for definitions; and providing for severability, repealer, codification, and an effective date.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE CITY MANAGER/PLANNING DEPARTMENT:

Recommend approval of the proposed text amendments to the Zoning Code regarding campaign signs as presented in the Ordinance in ~~strike thru~~ / underline format (Exhibit A – Ordinance).

PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD RECOMMENDATION:

The Planning and Zoning Board on 02.11.2009 reconsidered the proposed Ordinance for a second time and recommended approval of the proposed text amendments to the Zoning Code (vote: 6-0) as presented by City Staff.

BRIEF HISTORY:

On 12.20.2008, a text amendment to the Sign code provisions, specifically with reference to "Campaign Signs", was considered and approved with a unanimous vote by the Planning and Zoning Board. The text amendments were then scheduled for City Commission consideration on 01.13.2009. The Commission requested various modifications to the provisions and approved the amendments on First Reading by a 5 to 0 vote. Specifically, the Commission requested the allowable date for installation of signs in advance of an election was reduced from 6 months to 3 months. Changes from the existing provisions of the Zoning Code are noted in the attached Ordinance in ~~strike thru~~ / underline format (see Exhibit A).

Section A(3)(e) of this ordinance provides for campaign and political signs to be placed on walls, fences and hedges and states the following:

In cases where there exists a wall, fence or hedge less than 5' from the property line, the sign may be securely placed on or upon the wall, fence or hedge.

The attached 02.11.09 Planning Department Staff report is attached Exhibit B and the 02.11.09 Planning and Zoning Board verbatim minutes are attached as Exhibit C.

The City Commission at its 02-24-09 meeting approved the proposed Zoning Code text amendment (vote 5-0)

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

Date:	Resolution/Ordinance No.	Comments
02-24-09	Ordinance.	Approved on First Reading.

OTHER ADVISORY BOARD/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION(S):

Date	Board/Committee	Comments (if any)
12.10.08	Planning and Zoning Board	Recommended approval (vote: 4-0)
02.11.09	Planning and Zoning Board	Reconsidered the amendments with changes from last consideration and recommended approval (vote: 6-0)

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION(S):

Date	Form of Notification
11.25.08	Published Planning and Zoning Board Meeting Agenda in newspaper.
01.02.09	Legal Notice of Ordinance Heading on First Reading.
01.08.09	Posted City Commission memo and all attachments on City Web page.
01.31.09	Published Planning and Zoning Board Meeting Agenda in newspaper.
02.13.09	Legal Notice of Ordinance Heading on First Reading.
02.20.09	Posted City Commission memo and all attachments on City Web page.
02.24.09	Legal Notice of Ordinance Heading on Second Reading.

APPROVED BY:

Department Director	City Attorney (If Applicable)	Interim City Manager
Edward M. Weller Building & Zoning	Elizabeth Hernandez	Maria A. Jimenez

EXHIBIT(S):

A. Ordinance – Zoning Code text amendment.