

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-___

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 14, "PROCESS," SECTION 14-103.2, "MEMBERSHIP; TERMS; VACANCIES; REMOVAL," TO ALLOW A PERCENTAGE OF THE BOARD OF ARCHITECTS MEMBERS TO NOT BE RESIDENTS OR HAVE THEIR PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS IN THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEALER, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Staff has drafted a Zoning Code text amendment to increase the options of architects to serve on the Board of Architects by allowing some board members to live or have their principal place of business outside of the City of Coral Gables; and

WHEREAS, currently all members of the Board of Architects are required to be residents or have a Coral Gables-based business; and

WHEREAS, after notice was duly published, the January 12, 2022, Planning and Zoning Board meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum; and

WHEREAS, after notice was duly published, a public hearing was held before the Planning and Zoning Board on February 9, 2022, at which hearing the Board deferred the item to the next Board meeting; and

WHEREAS, after notice was duly published, a public hearing was held before the Planning and Zoning Board on March 1, 2022, at which hearing all interested parties were afforded the opportunity to be heard; and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Board was presented with text amendments to the Official Zoning Code, and after due consideration, recommended approval (vote: 6 to 0) of the text amendment; and

WHEREAS, Staff has revised the proposed Zoning Code text amendments to limit the composition of the board members by percentages; and

WHEREAS, after notice was duly published, a public hearing was held before the Planning and Zoning Board on April 13, 2022, at which hearing all interested parties were afforded the opportunity to be heard; and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Board was presented with text amendments to the Official Zoning Code, and after due consideration, recommended approval (vote: 4 to 0) of the text amendment; and

WHEREAS, on May 10, 2022 the City Commission was presented on first reading the proposed text amendments; 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 14. Process

Section 14-103.2. Membership; Terms; Vacancies; Removal.

A. Membership.

1. The Board of Architects shall be composed of at least seven (7) members who serve as either regular or alternate members, depending on their designation at appointment.
2. The City Manager, subject to the approval of the City Commission, shall appoint all regular and alternate members of the Board of Architects, considering the following qualifications:
 - a. Each member shall have been a registered architect or landscape architect responsible for the design and construction of projects within the City of Coral Gables during the last five (5) years and shall have a minimum of ten (10) years experience in their profession.
 - b. ~~Each member~~ No less than fifty percent (50%) of the members shall either be a resident or have their principal place of business in the City of Coral Gables.

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., 2022.

(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