



**City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
April 16, 2024**

ITEM TITLE:

Ordinance on First Reading.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 74” TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES” TO CREATE ARTICLE IX “SCHOOL ZONE SAFETY” AUTHORIZING THE ENFORCEMENT OF SCHOOL ZONE SPEED LIMITS BY AND THROUGH THE INSTALLATION OF SPEED DETECTION SYSTEMS ON SCHOOL ZONE ROADWAYS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEALER PROVISION, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BRIEF HISTORY:

In 2023 the Florida legislature adopted HB 657, codified as Chapter 2023-174, Laws of Florida. That bill provides that a municipality may enforce applicable speed limits in school zones during school sessions “through the use of a speed detection system for the detection of speed and capturing of photographs or videos for violations in excess of ten miles per hour over the speed limit in force at the time of the violation.” After having considered traffic data and other evidence supporting the installation and operation of each proposed school zone speed detection system, the City Commission, based on the findings of the Coral Gables Police Department, finds that certain school zones constitute a heightened safety risk that warrants additional enforcement measures, including the placement or installation of a speed detection system.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

No.	Amount	Account No.	Source of Funds
Total: N/A			
Fiscal Impact: None with adoption of this ordinance, to be determined following procurement process with individual vendors.			

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Draft Ordinance
2. Extended Speed Summary
3. 22-23 Speed Citations and Accidents School Zones