



**City of Coral Gables  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
December 9, 2025**

**ITEM TITLE:**

**Ordinance on Second Reading, Zoning Code Text Amendments.**

An Ordinance of the City Commission providing for text amendments to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code, Article 5, "Architecture," Section 5-309, "Trellises;" Section 5-310, "Wood decks," and Section 5-311, "Pavers and walkways," to incorporate composite recycled materials as an approved material for trellises, decks, and walkways; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD RECOMMENDATION:**

Approval.

**PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD RECOMMENDATION:**

The Planning and Zoning Board at their 11.19.25 meeting recommended approval (vote: 7-0).

**BRIEF HISTORY:**

Since First Reading, the proposed text amendment was discussed and received support from the Board of Architects. The proposed text amendment was also revised to clarify that only similar types or quality of wood that is *solid* may be approved by the City Architect; and therefore, all composite materials must be recycled.

Article 5 of the Zoning Code currently limits the allowed materials of various exterior elements on a property. For example, trellises must be constructed of specific types of wood, composite, or metal; and likewise, decks are strictly limited to 2-inch thick wood. The City Architect, however, may currently approve similar types of wood for trellises and decks.

The proposed text amendments allow composite recycled materials for trellises, decks, and walkways. To be utilized on decks and trellises, the composite recycled materials must be manufactured with a minimum of 60% recycled content. The composite decking boards must also be 1-inch thick.

**Planning & Zoning Board**

At the November 20, 2025, Planning and Zoning Board meeting, questions by the Board regarding the review process of each application of recycled composite were clarified by Staff. The Board expressed concerns regarding the longevity of the materials and wanted to ensure the Board of Architects' involvement and review of the specific materials. The Board unanimously recommended approval (7-0).

**PUBLIC NOTIFICATIONS:**

Date	Form of Notification
10.7.2025	City Commission meeting agenda posted on City webpage.
11.26.25	City Commission legal advertisement.
12.02.25	City Commission meeting agenda posted on City webpage.

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

No.	Amount	Account No.	Source of Funds
1.	\$0		
2.	\$0		
Total:	\$0		
<b>Fiscal Impact:</b> None			

**EXHIBITS:**

- A. Draft Ordinance.
- B. 11 19 25 Planning & Zoning Board Staff Report with attachments.
- C. Excerpt of 11 19 25 PZB Meeting Minutes.