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April 14, 2010

Patrick G. Salerno, City Manager
 City of Coral Gables
 Office of the City Manager
 405 Biltmore Way, 1st Floor
 Coral Gables, FL 33134

Dear Mr. Salerno:

I am pleased to advise you that Miami-Dade County is commencing the process for the Fiscal Year 09-10 Parking Fines Reimbursement Program. As a result of your previous submittal of an executed Interlocal Agreement with Miami-Dade County, you need only submit an Affidavit (see enclosed template) to participate. The Affidavit states that the funds reimbursed shall be used to improve accessibility and equal opportunity to qualified persons who have disabilities in the municipality and to conduct disability public awareness programs.

It is our goal to increase participation in the program in order to get these monies back into the communities where they can be used to fund programs for persons with disabilities. Additionally, it is hoped that more reimbursements create additional incentives to enforce the accessible parking laws, thus freeing up more spaces for those who are entitled to use them.

The combination of fines collected in the previous fiscal year, and unspent funds from other municipalities, makes available an amount of \$ 26,204.00 for which the City of Coral Gables may apply. The deadline for submission of the affidavit is June 30, 2010.

Reimbursements to municipalities are based on a percentage of revenue collected during Fiscal Year 08-09 that is determined by calculating the total amount paid on tickets issued in a municipality divided by the total number of tickets paid countywide. Funding estimates include a percentage of the carryover monies that were not distributed to any municipalities in the previous year.

In accordance with Section 30-447 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, parking fine money generated from the misuse of marked spaces for people with disabilities is used in the following manner:

- One-third of the money is used to defray Clerk of Courts' administrative expenses; and

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- Two-thirds of the money is used to provide funds to improve accessibility and equal opportunity to qualified physically disabled persons and to provide funds to conduct public awareness programs concerning physically disabled persons. Of this amount, 30 percent is retained by the County for countywide purposes, in accordance with State law, and 70 percent is allocated to the governmental entity having jurisdiction over the violation.
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If you need additional information regarding the Parking Fines Reimbursement Program, please contact Office of ADA Coordination Director Heidi Johnson-Wright at 305-375-3566, 111 N.W. 1st Street, Suite 348, 12th Floor, Miami, Florida 33128.

Sincerely,



George M. Burgess
County Manager

Enclosure

C: Wendi J. Norris, Director, General Services Administration
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