



**City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
October 10, 2017**

ITEM TITLE:

A Resolution of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida, amending Ordinance 2015-17, as amended, to revise various Local Business Taxes by the Finance Department and False Alarm Fees by the Fire Department; providing severability clause, and an effective date.

DEPARTMENT HEADS RECOMMENDATION:

Approval.

BRIEF HISTORY:

On June 16, 2015, the City Commission adopted Ordinance 2015-17 that restated and amended city-wide fees, licenses, permits, services and penalties. Since that time, the City has made periodic updates, which are reflected in this updated Fee Schedule.

The attached resolution corrects certain Local Business Tax (LBT) classifications and rates to more accurately reflect the type of business. (LBT items 1900 – Art Gallery; and 21801 – Restaurant/Delicatessen, Take-Out; pages 56 and 76 of Exhibit I). For these classifications, the rate is being decreased and will have a retroactive effective date to October 1, 2017 (those businesses that have paid the higher rate will receive a refund). The amended local business tax rates will negatively adjust annual revenue by approximately \$4,800.

Fire False Alarm Fees for Commercial Businesses are being added to the fee schedule. (page 81 of Exhibit I). These proposed rates are comparable to fire false alarm rates currently being charged for commercial properties by other neighboring municipalities. The City has not charged fire false alarms previously. These rates are estimated to adjust annual revenue by approximately \$50,000.00. The Fire Department responds to all fire alarm notifications in the City as an emergency call for service. The Fire Prevention Division has provided for a proactive approach to reduce false alarms that includes; public educations, site visits to buildings that experience multiple false alarms, as well as requiring fire alarm servicing and recertification. False fire alarm responses places an undue burden on the response system as it results in an emergency response unit not being available for an actual emergency. False fire alarm fees will provide for an additional facet in addressing multiple responses for false alarms to the same address.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date	Resolution No.	Comments
06-16-15	Ordinance No. 2015-17	Restating existing Fee Schedule and updating various fees City-wide
08-25-15	Resolution No. 2015-196	Adjusting Sanitary Sewer Charges
10-13-15	Resolution No. 2015-253	Adjusting various Dept. Service Permit Fees
10-21-15	CAO 2015-105	Clarifying permit fee for parking garages and shell space

12-08-15	Resolution No. 2015-304	Waiving Solar Panels city permit fees
02-09-16	Ordinance No. 2016-08	Penalties for polystyrene usage
03-15-16	Resolution No. 2016-75	Reducing Board of Architects appeals fee
03-29-16	Ordinance No. 2016-21	Failure to post a “No Trespass” sign on a construction site
04-12-16	Ordinance No. 2016-25	Instituting a fine for unauthorized installation of buttons, pyramids, reflectors in ROW
06-14-16	Resolution No. 2016-148	Adjusting Storm Water fee, Sanitary Sewer Charges and Solid Waste Collection Fees
08-23-16	Ordinance No. 2016-44	Amended public notification fee from per envelope charge to staff review of courtesy notification letter for Planning and Zoning Board cases
10-11-16	Ordinance No. 2016-49	Amended Conditional Use fee for Bed and Breakfast Est. for Historic Preservation Board
11-15-16	Resolution No. 2016-251	Fee to record documents electronically with Miami-Dade County
02-14-17	Resolution No. 2017-31	Amended Special Events Fee and Non-Resident Fee for Venetian Pool
03-28-17	Ordinance No. 2017-09	Landscape Vehicle Registration Fee
03-28-17	Resolution No. 2017-67	Updated Impact Fee, Sewer Capacity Fee
05-30-17	Resolution No. 2017-101	Update Local Business Tax & Lien Search Fees

EXHIBIT(S):

A. Draft Fee Resolution