



**City of Coral Gables  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
December 12, 2023**

**ITEM TITLE:**

**Ordinance on First Reading.**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, AMENDING SECTION 1-2 “DEFINITIONS AND RULES OF CONSTRUCTION”; SECTION 2-464 “SAME-AUTHORITY TO FIX SCHEDULE OF CHARGES; METHOD OF DETERMINATION”; SECTION 2-1091 “CITY-OWNED PROPERTY SALE OR LEASE GENERALLY; ADVERTISED PUBLIC BIDDING PROCESS; SECTION 18-2 “CANVAS OF RETURNS; DUTY OF COMMISSION; DECLARATION OF RESULTS”; SECTION 34-60 “STATEMENT OF COSTS; FILING; PUBLICATION OF WORK; COST AND LIEN”; SECTION 34-239 “FORFEITURE PROCEEDINGS”; SECTION 58-53 “STATEMENT OF COSTS; PUBLICATION”; SECTION 58-119 “NOTICE BY PUBLICATION”; SECTION 62-329 “PROCEDURES RELATING TO APPLICATIONS”; SECTION 62-331 “ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE”; SECTION 78-281 “REQUIREMENT FOR UNDERGROUND UTILITIES”; SECTION 101-109 “NOTICES”; SECTION 109-41 “PERMIT APPLICATION PROCEDURES- CLASS 1 PERMITS”; AND SECTION 109-42 “SAME- CLASS 2 PERMITS” OF THE CITY CODE IN ORDER TO PROVIDE A DEFINITION OF PUBLICATION AND REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT FOR NEWSPAPER PUBLICATION, PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER PROVISION, SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**BRIEF HISTORY:**

Beginning January 1, 2023 Cities are now permitted to publish all required legal notices and advertisements on a publicly accessible website as specified in Florida Statute 50.0311. The City has traditionally advertised and published required notices in newspapers of general circulation. Due to cost increases and fewer options available for publication, the City is going to move all required notices to a County-wide website for legal notices, as permitted in state law. The City will

proceed to publish required annual notices in a newspaper of general circulation pointing residents to those online notices, and will conduct an education campaign to make sure residents are aware. The City estimates that the move to online notifications will result in over fifty percent savings in annual publication costs.

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

No.	Amount	Account No.	Source of Funds
Total: N/A			
<b>Fiscal Impact: Savings of approximately 50% of annual publication costs.</b>			

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. Draft Ordinance
2. Exhibit A- Proposed City Code Amendments