



City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
May 12, 2009

ITEM TITLE:

An Ordinance amending Chapter 34 of the "Code of the City of Coral Gables" entitled "Nuisances" and in particular Sections 34-1, entitled "Clearing of Land" 34-22, entitled "Failure to Comply; Forms of Notice to Property Owner", 34-23, entitled, "Cost of Clearing as Lien on Property-Collection, Foreclosure and Sale" by changing the dates upon which a property owner is provided notice upon which to remedy the situation; and providing for severability, repealer, codification, and an effective date.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE CITY MANAGER:

Approve

BRIEF HISTORY:

In October of 2008, the City Commission directed that the city administration review the lot clearing ordinance so as to enhance and strengthen the process by which the ordinance could be enforced and provide an expedited review and enforcement procedure for compliance purposes. The intent behind these amendments is to prevent an unsightly and unsanitary property which results from overgrowth, weeds, dead trees, and rubbish and debris in unattended or abandoned properties. Such conditions adversely impact the health, safety and welfare of the city. Currently, the ordinance provides for a 15 day correction period (from the date of service of notice). The initial proposed amendment reduced the time period to 3 days for corrective action (from the date of service of notice). On first reading, the City Commission agreed to change the days for correction from 3 to 5 days (from the date of service of notice). Thereafter, the city shall order the clearing of the lot(s) by city contractors, and shall assess the property for the costs thereof by filing a super-priority lien.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

Date	Resolution/Ordinance	Committee
04/28/09	See Above	First Reading

FINANCIAL INFORMATION: (If Applicable)

No.	Amount	Fund No.	Source of Funds
	N/A		

APPROVED BY:

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Commissioner	City Manager	City Engineer

ATTACHMENTS

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