

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2015-17, AS AMENDED, TO REVISE VARIOUS LOCAL BUSINESS TAXES BY THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT, FIRE PREVENTION FEES BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, ADMINISTRATIVE FEES BY THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT, AND CERTAIN PARKS FEES BY THE COMMUNITY RECREATION DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Commission has determined that fees for various licenses, permits, and services are necessary to recover the City's cost of providing these services; and

WHEREAS, On October 1, 1995, the state legislature authorized municipalities to increase local business tax rates by a maximum of 5% once every two years as provided for under Chapter 205.0535 of the Florida Statutes. Since the adoption of this legislation, the City of Coral Gables has increased local business tax rates every two years as authorized. The attached resolution increases each classification by 5% effective for the July 1, 2025, billing of the Fiscal Year 2026 Business Tax Receipts. Failure to apply the authorized increase may necessitate an equity study should the City seek an adjustment or increase in the future, which could result in potential revenue fluctuations or limitations as well as costs associated with an equity study; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Prevention Special Fee schedule requires certain adjustments to special effects that get incorporated into large gatherings that require full plans review and site inspection; annual review of emergency plans for hospitals and nursing homes which is required by state regulatory agencies; additional re-inspection fees to allow for third and more failed inspections, and necessary adjustment to the tent fees; and

WHEREAS, certain Development Services Department fees are necessary to ensure alignment with current regulatory practices and procedural needs. Outdated code sections have been eliminated, including the now defunct Development of Regional Impact (DRI) and the Concurrency Information Statement fee, which both are no longer applicable. To address application types, necessary fees have been introduced for Conditional Use requests, differentiated by Major and Minor Amendments, as well as for Relief from Inordinate Burdens. Additionally, the Concurrency Review Application (Service Demand Analysis) has been incorporated into the schedule to support Level 1 and Level 2 Development Review applications; however, no separate fee applies, as the associated cost is absorbed within those application fees. The permit renewal fee structure has been revised to require a minimum base fee plus 15% of the original permit fee. A new subsection has also been established within the Building Division to define the Miscellaneous Permit Fee Schedule for Expedited Permit Review Services, applicable to qualifying permits; and

WHEREAS, the Parks Fee Schedule is based on a five-year fee plan. Updates to the fee schedule reflect several important additions and corrections to ensure transparency and accuracy across all facilities. New fee pricing has been introduced for pickleball at both the Tennis and Youth Center facilities to reflect pickleball activities at each facility. The Tennis Center's High-Performance Camps now include an "enroll by date" pricing option that had not been previously

listed. Semi-private lesson fees with professional instructors have been added for a clearer breakdown of instructional offerings. The Youth Center has introduced pricing for newly added athletic clinics, and the CG Golf and Country Club now offers Single-Toddler Pool Membership to expand membership options. The Adult Activity Center fees were amended to reflect actual class costs, include use of volunteer instructors, and differentiate certain levels of activities. Other minor corrections include revisions to class, program, and event descriptions to more accurately represent current offerings across all facilities and service units that have been corrected to align appropriately with the listed fees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES:

SECTION 1. The foregoing "Whereas" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon adoption hereof.

SECTION 2. The City Commission revises the Fee Schedule as detailed in Exhibit I, with changes indicated by underline for new text and ~~striketrough~~ for deleted text.

SECTION 3. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, then said holding shall in no way affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Resolution.

SECTION 4. That said Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TWENTIETH DAY OF MAY, A.D., 2025.

APPROVED:

VINCE LAGO
MAYOR

ATTEST:

BILLY Y. URQUIA
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

CRISTINA M. SUÁREZ,
CITY ATTORNEY