



City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
October 27, 2015

ITEM TITLE:

A Resolution of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida Urging the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners to Amend Miami-Dade County Code Chapter 31, Article VII, "Regulation of Transportation Network Entities, For-Hire Drivers and Vehicles" to allow Ride-Sharing Networks to Operate in Miami-Dade County. (Sponsored by Commissioner Keon)

BRIEF HISTORY:

On August 21, 2015, the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners approved an ordinance, which imposed various licensing and permitting requirements on Transportation Network Entities and For-Hire Drivers. As a result of those licensing and permitting requirements, ride-sharing networks such as Uber and Lyft, among others, are unable to offer their ride-sharing services in Miami-Dade County, and, as a result, in the City of Coral Gables.

On October 13, 2015, the Broward County Board of County Commissioners approved an ordinance, which amended Chapter 22½ of the Broward County Code of Ordinances, allowing for-hire ground transportation providers, also referred to as Transportation Network Entities, the ability to self-regulate, which the Broward Board of County Commissioners found that the implementation of the ordinance promotes, protects, and improves the health, safety, and welfare of the community.

The City of Coral Gables' City Commission has witnessed the surge in popularity of ride-sharing networks, such as Uber and Lyft, among others, and recognizes the positive impacts on the community when these services are utilized. As such, the City Commission wishes to promote the use of these services within the City of Coral Gables. Accordingly, the City of Coral Gables City Commission strongly supports passage of legislation that would allow for ride-sharing networks such as Uber and Lyft, among others, to operate in Miami-Dade County and, as a result, the City of Coral Gables. Furthermore, the City Commission hereby urges the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners to ensure that appropriate background checks are conducted for the drivers of said ride-sharing networks to promote and protect the health, safety, and welfare of the people of Miami-Dade County.

APPROVED BY:

City Attorney	City Manager

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Resolution to be approved.
2. Miami-Dade County Ordinance.
3. Broward County Ordinance.