



City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
August 25, 2015


ITEM TITLE:

A Resolution of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida, expressing support for sustainable construction, development, and design standards, and directing staff to prepare ordinance for the City Commission's consideration incorporating said standards into applicable City and Zoning Codes, as appropriate; providing for severability and effective date. (Sponsored by Commissioner Vince Lago).

BRIEF HISTORY:

The United States Green Building Council, through a nationally collaborative process, created the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards, which identifies a range of actions that define energy efficient buildings and establishes certification processes for new and existing buildings. Research demonstrates that LEED certified buildings save an estimated energy savings of 50%, carbon water use savings of 40%, and waste cost savings of 70%, as compared to traditional buildings. Accordingly, the resolution, in an effort to support sustainable construction, development, and design standards, directs City Staff to prepare an ordinance for the Commission's consideration establishing sustainability requirements for both private and public sector projects, and incorporating the use of LEED standards, or other similar environmentally sustainable standards and practices, in the exercise of the City's regulatory and proprietary powers.

REVIEWED BY:

City Attorney	FOR City Manager
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