

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-18

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, CHAPTER 2, "ADMINISTRATION," ARTICLE III, "BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES," DIVISION 6, "WATERWAY ADVISORY BOARD," TO REVISE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE WATERWAY ADVISORY BOARD AND THE QUALIFICATIONS OF WATERWAY ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEALER, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Code currently provides that the Waterway Advisory Board (the "Board") shall be composed of eight (8) City residents who live along specified City waterways and coastal areas and one other (1) City resident; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that it is in the best interests of the City and its residents to revise the composition of the Board and the qualifications for Board membership; and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance allocates five (5) seats to City residents who live along specified City waterways and coastal areas, allocates one (1) seat for a City resident, allocates one (1) seat for a City resident who does not reside along a City waterway or coastal area, allocates one (1) seat for an individual with expertise in a water-related science, and allocates one (1) seat for a representative of the University of Miami;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED 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 Ordinance upon adoption hereof.

SECTION 2. That Chapter 2 – ADMINISTRATION of the City Code of the City of Coral Gables be amended as indicated in the attached **Exhibit A**.

SECTION 3. All Ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. If any section, part of section, paragraph, clause, phrase or word of this Ordinance is declared invalid, the remaining provisions of this Ordinance shall not be affected.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Commission of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made part of the City of Coral Gables City Code and that the sections of this “ordinance” may be changed to “section,” “article,” or such other appropriate word or phrase in order to accomplish such intentions.

SECTION 6. If the City of Coral Gables City Code Table of Contents or other reference portions is affected by these provisions, then charges are approved as a part of this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. This Ordinance shall become effective upon its passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TWENTY-SIXTH DAY OF AUGUST, A.D., 2025.

(Moved: Anderson / Seconded: Lara)

(Yeas: Lara, Anderson, Castro, Lago)

(Absent: Fernandez)

(Unanimour: 4-0 Vote)

(Agenda Item: E-1)

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**VINCE LAGO
MAYOR**

ATTEST:

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**CRISTINA M. SUÁREZ
CITY ATTORNEY**

Exhibit A¹

Sec. 2-221. Membership.

The board shall consist of nine members, five of which shall be appointed by the members of the commission each appointing one member, two members shall be appointed by the commission-as-a-whole, one member shall be appointed by the University of Miami ~~board-as-a-whole~~, and the remaining one member shall be appointed by the city manager. All appointed members shall be confirmed by the city commission. In appointing members, the city commission, the city clerk and city manager shall ensure that ~~each~~ the waterways or coastal areas throughout the city is in section 2-222(a)(1-5) are each represented by a board member.

Sec. 2-222. Qualifications.

(a) ~~Eight~~ Five of the members of the board shall be city residents residing along a city waterway for a period greater than six months prior to their appointment. Of these ~~five~~ eight members of the board, one member shall reside along each of the following waterways:

- (1) Mahi;
- (2) Coral Gables;
- (3) Entrada Channel;
- (4) Gables Estates, Matheson Hammocks, or Snapper Creek;
- (5) ~~Matheson Hammocks;~~ Gables by the Sea, or Deering Bay.
- (6) ~~Snapper Creek;~~
- (7) ~~Gables by the Sea;~~ and
- (8) ~~Deering Bay.~~

(b) The remaining board members shall include the following: ~~be a city resident.~~

(1) an individual with expertise in water quality, water resources, hydrology, water treatment, or a similar water-related scientific field, as demonstrated through educational or professional achievement; and

(2) a representative of the University of Miami, to be appointed by the University; and

(3) a City resident who does not reside along one of the waterways or coastal areas in section 2-222(a); and

(4) a City resident.

¹ Deletions are indicated by ~~strikethrough~~. Insertions are indicated by underline.