

City of Coral Gables CITY COMMISSION MEETING November 15, 2016

ITEM TITLE:

Ordinance on First Reading. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, AMENDING ARTICLE IV OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES CODE BY ADDING SECTION 2-203, MAKING IT A CODE ENFORCEMENT VIOLATION TO DISOBEY A CEASE AND DESIST LETTER SENT BY THE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, PROVIDING FOR REPEALER, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, ENFORCEABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BRIEF HISTORY:

From time to time occasions arise that call for the issuance of a cease and desist letter by the City Attorney's Office, on behalf of the City for violation of the City Code, the Zoning Code or other applicable laws. While enforcing such a letter in a court of law is both appropriate and permissible it is not always the most effective or efficient way of gaining compliance with the demand made in the letter. This Ordinance makes the failure to adhere to the demand in the cease and desist letter a Code Enforcement violation, punishable by a fine of \$500 per day. It does not, in any way, preclude the City's ability to seek relief through the courts, if it becomes necessary.

APPROVED BY:

City Attorney	Assistant City/Manager	City Manager
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ATTACHMENT(S).	\mathcal{A}	

1. Draft Ordinance