

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-\_\_**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR TEXT AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES OFFICIAL ZONING CODE PURSUANT TO ZONING CODE ARTICLE 15, “NOTICES,” SECTION 15-102, “NOTICE,” TO AMEND REQUIREMENT FOR THE APPLICANTS REQUIRED PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING TO OCCUR PRIOR TO REVIEW BY THE BOARD OF ARCHITECTS, PROVIDING FOR REPEALER PROVISION, SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, CODIFICATION, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**WHEREAS**, the City respects the rights of all people to participate in the City’s planning processes; and

**WHEREAS**, multiple policies in the Coral Gables Comprehensive Plan allow every affected person the opportunity to participate early and throughout the decision-making process; and,

**WHEREAS**, a Commissioner desires that the Applicants Required Public Information Meeting to occur earlier in the public review process, specifically prior to the Board of Architects review; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission held a public hearing on December 12, 2023 at which hearing all interested persons were afforded an opportunity to be heard, and the item was approved on first reading; and,

**WHEREAS**, after notice was duly published, a public hearing was held before the Planning and Zoning Board on (month) (day), 2023, at which hearing all interested parties were afforded the opportunity to be heard; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning and Zoning Board was presented with the text amendments to the Official Zoning Code, and after due consideration, the Board recommended approval/denial (vote: \_ to \_) for the proposed the text amendment; and

**WHEREAS**, after notice was duly published, a public hearing for Second Reading was held before the City Commission, at which hearing all interested parties were afforded the opportunity to be heard.

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

**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.** The Official Zoning Code of the City of Coral Gables is hereby amended as follows<sup>1</sup>.

**Article 15. Notices**

Section 15-102. Notice.

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D. Applicants required public information meeting. All applicants filing applications requiring a public hearing before the Planning and Zoning Board and City Commission shall conduct a minimum of one (1) public information meeting, a minimum of fourteen (14) days in advance of the ~~Planning and Zoning Board public hearing~~ Board of Architects preliminary review meeting. This meeting shall be conducted by the applicant representatives to inform surrounding property owners, neighborhoods, homeowners associations, interested parties, etc. of pending applications under review by the City. As a minimum the following shall be completed and provided:

1. Notification to all surrounding property owners within the identified mail notification radius as provided within Section 15-102.C. or additional mail notification radius as determined by the Development Review Official.
2. The meeting is conducted on the subject property or in a location that is convenient to surrounding property owners.
3. Copy of forwarded notice.
4. Listing of all mailing addresses of all parties notified.
5. Meeting attendance records including the property owner addresses and other applicable contact information.
6. Meeting summary minutes or verbatim record as determined by the Development Review Official.

Above items 4 through 6 shall be provided to the Development Review Official seven (7) days after the public information meeting. It is recommended these meetings occur after the application has undergone preliminary review by City Staff. This will ensure City review and comments are included as a part of the information provided to the interested parties. The Development Review Official may require additional public information meetings and notice to provide for further public input and dissemination of information.

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<sup>1</sup> Deletions are indicated by ~~striketrough~~. Insertions are indicated by underline.

**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 “Zoning Code” of the City of Coral Gables, Florida; 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 Official Zoning Code of the City of Coral Gables Tables of Contents or other reference portions is affected by these provisions, then changes are approved as a part of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 7.** This Ordinance shall become effective upon the date of its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, A.D., 2023.

(Moved: / Seconded:)

(Yeas: )

(; Vote)

APPROVED:

VINCE LAGO  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

BILLY Y. URQUIA  
CITY CLERK

CRISTINA SUAREZ  
CITY ATTORNEY