



CITY OF CORAL GABLES

Code Enforcement Division
427 Biltmore Way, Suite 100



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Summons to Appear

Before the Code Enforcement Board
in and for the City of Coral Gables
Dade County, Florida

January 28, 2025

Case #: NOVI-24-09-8318

Folio: 0341300080860

The City of Coral Gables
vs

9489 0090 0027 6517 2740 15

JAMES BORJA &W
1131 SUNSET RD
CORAL GABLES, FL 33143-6000

You, as the Owner and/or Occupant of the premises at:

1131 SUNSET DR

are in violation of the following sections of the City Code of the City of Coral Gables:

Section 6-103

- a. All landscaped areas, including the swale or planting area in the public right-of-way, shall be maintained in good condition by the abutting property owner to present a healthy, neat, and orderly appearance, such that landscaping is permitted to mature to the required size and intended aesthetic benefit.
- b. All planting areas shall be kept free from refuse and debris.
- c. All plant material located within triangles of visibility required pursuant to Section 10-106, shall be kept clear of visual obstructions between the height of two (2) feet and six (6) feet above the established grade.
- d. If any plant material expires or is degraded through any means such that the plant materials can no longer satisfy the requirements of this Article, the plant materials shall be replaced with the same landscape material or a City approved substitute.
- e. Trees shall be pruned in the following manner:
 - i. All cuts shall be clean, flush and at junctions, laterals or crotches. All cuts shall be made as close as possible to the trunk or parent limb, without cutting into the branch collar or leaving a protruding stub.
 - ii. Removal of dead wood, crossing branches, weak or insignificant branches, and suckers shall be accomplished simultaneously with any reduction in crown.
 - iii. Cutting of lateral branches that results in the removal of more than one-third (1/3) of all branches on one (1) side of a tree shall only be allowed if required for hazard reduction or clearance pruning.
 - iv. Lifting of branches or tree thinning shall be completed to distribute over half of the tree mass in the lower two-thirds (2/3) of the tree.
 - v. No more than one-third (1/3) of a tree's living canopy shall be removed within a three (3) year period. Trees shall be pruned according to the current ANSI A300 Standards and the Miami-Dade Country Landscape Manual. At no time shall trees be maintained such that the plant material is thwarted from achieving its intended mature size.
 - vi. Hatracking of trees shall be prohibited.

The following steps should be taken to correct the violation:

Remedy: Comply with Section 6-103, Section A. Maintenance, Sub-section 5. Must install ground cover on city swale; IE Sod. Or other approved ground cover with a permit/approval from Public works.

As a result of the above violation(s), a complaint has been filed against you and you are hereby commanded to appear before the Code Enforcement Board for a hearing on 2/12/2025 at 08:30 AM in the Commission Chambers, located on the second floor of:

**Community Meeting Room
2151 Salzedo Street
Coral Gables, FL 33134**

This is your notice to appear at said time and place. Failure to do so will result in the matter being heard in absentia. An administrative fee of \$108.75 will be assessed at the time of your hearing.

Please be advised that if someone will be attending the hearing on your behalf, he or she must provide a power of attorney from you at the time of the hearing.

If this notice pertains to failure to maintain a historic structure, please be advised that:

- You may be subject to substantial fines that may not be mitigated
- You may also be required to repair or restore the historic structure.
- If the historic structure is allowed to deteriorate to the point where it must be demolished:
 - The City Code requires that you replace the structure with a similar historically appropriate structure; and
 - The property will no longer qualify for an historic preservation tax exemption

or see us in person at 427 Biltmore Way, 2nd Floor, Coral Gables FL, 33134.

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Code Enforcement Board Clerk