

**City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting**  
**Agenda Item E-2**  
**March 11, 2025**  
**Police and Fire Headquarters**  
**2151 Salzedo Street, Coral Gables, FL**

**City Commission**

**Mayor Vince Lago**

**Vice Mayor Rhonda Anderson**

**Commissioner Melissa Castro**

**Commissioner Ariel Fernandez**

**Commissioner Kirk Menendez**

**City Staff**

**City Attorney, Cristina Suárez**

**City Manager, Alberto Parjus**

**City Clerk, Billy Urquia**

**Acting Development Services Director, Doug Ramirez**

**Public Speaker(s)**

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Agenda Item E-2 [4:16 p.m.]

A Resolution of the City Commission amending Ordinance No. 2015-17, as amended, to revise permit renewal fees; providing for severability, and providing for an effective date.

Mayor Lago: Moving onto item E-2.

City Attorney Suarez: E-2 is a Resolution of the City Commission amending Ordinance No. 2015-17, as amended, to revise permit renewal fees; providing for severability, and providing for an effective date.

Mayor Lago: How are we doing sir.

Acting Development Services Director: I'm doing well. Doug Ramirez, Acting Development Services Director. The reason we have this item before you is because we've noticed over the last couple of years that there are quite a few permits that come back that have expired and when they go to extend, to renew the permit it turns out that they only have one or two inspections left, but the permit renewal fee is 50 percent of the Florida Building Code Permit Fee. We felt that this was excessive. We looked at what some of the other jurisdictions are doing and what we are allowed

to do, and we came up with a new figure that we think is much more reasonable and that's why this item is before you today.

Vice Mayor Anderson: Through the Mayor. Glad that you're doing this. I think it's a good first step for immediate relief and I hope you continue to go through this process, and we can discuss it more later on making the fees a little more equitable and not as onerous, especially when you're just doing a renewal of something where its not engaging any additional work hours for staff, that it's a reasonable fee. So, I'm happy to move it.

Commissioner Castro: I'll second.

Mayor Lago: So, just to bring this forward. I've talked to the team, to the Manager about this. Mr. Clerk, will you make sure that my name is on this resolution. I sponsored this item, because I fell prey to this and had a TCO on a project and for some reason, I'm not blaming it on staff, we had called all the inspections appropriately and everything was fine. There was one inspection that was missing, and the permit had been, after a TCO, and for some reason it had expired and our staff said listen, you've got to pay for the entire permit again, there's no choice. It was a few years ago, and it was a hefty sum. So this is a major hindrance, but again, its something that I think that when you look at the process, that's why you have a lot of these permits that just stay open and they don't get closed, because they are literally in a TCO and something happened and they don't close out the project, but this is just specific for certain projects that already are inhabited, have a TCO, or just going from TCO to CO and they are just waiting for one last thing just to close out all these permits and get these done. I think it's an appropriate measure. Anything else.

Commissioner Castro: Great job.

Commissioner Fernandez: Yes

Commissioner Menendez: Yes

Vice Mayor Anderson: Yes

Commissioner Castro: Yes

Mayor Lago: Yes

(Vote: 5-0)

Mayor Lago: Thank you, sir.