

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA**

**RESOLUTION 2024-**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY RELATING TO THE PUBLICATION OF LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS AND PUBLIC NOTICES ON MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE WEBSITE; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Constitution requires all meetings of a county, municipality, school board, or special district at which official acts are to be taken or at which public business is to be discussed or transacted to be open to the public and properly noticed; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Coral Gables (the "City"), like many other municipalities in Miami-Dade County (the "County"), historically published legal notices in the Daily Business Review when possible because it was more cost effective than other available newspapers of general circulation; and

**WHEREAS**, as of December 22, 2023, the Daily Business Review ceased producing a print product and no longer meets the qualifications necessary for publication of legal notices under Florida Law; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 50.0311, Florida Statutes, provides that a governmental agency may use the designated publicly accessible website of the county in which it lies to publish legally required advertisements and public notices if the cost of publishing advertisements and public notices on such website is less than the cost of publishing advertisements and public notices in a newspaper; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 9, 2024, the City adopted Ordinance No. 2024-02, which amending Section 1-2 "Definitions and Rules of Construction"; Section 2-464 "Same-Authority to Fix Schedule of Charges; Method of Determination"; Section 2-1091 "City-Owned Property Sale or Lease Generally; Advertised Public Bidding Process; Section 18-2 "Canvas of Returns; Duty of Commission; Declaration of Results"; Section 34-60 "Statement of Costs; Filing; Publication of Work; Cost and Lien"; Section 34-239 "Forfeiture Proceedings"; Section 58-53

“Statement of Costs; Publication”; Section 58-119 “Notice by Publication”; Section 62-329 “Procedures Relating to Applications”; Section 62-331 “Adoption of Ordinance”; Section 78-281 “Requirement for Underground Utilities”; Section 101-109 “Notices”; Section 109-41 “Permit Application Procedures- Class 1 Permits”; and Section 109-42 “Same- Class 2 Permits” of the City Code in order to provide a definition of publication and remove the requirement for newspaper publication, providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 9, 2024, the City adopted Ordinance No. 2024-03, which amended Section 1-104 “Jurisdiction and Applicability”; Section 8-109 “Moving of Existing Improvements”; Section 8-106 “Certificates of Appropriateness”; Section 14-209.4; Section 14-215.3 “Notice and Hearing Procedures”; Section 15-102 “Notice” of the City’s Zoning Code in order to provide a definition of publication and remove the requirement for newspaper publication, providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date’ and

**WHEREAS**, on April 2, 2024, the County Board of County Commissioners ("BCC") adopted Resolution No. R-281-24, which, among other things, directed the County Mayor's administration to take all necessary steps to provide for publication of municipal legal advertisements and public notices on a publicly accessible website of the County in accordance with Section 50.0311, Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 16, 2024, the County BCC adopted Resolution No. \_\_, which, among other things, designated "legalads.miamidade.gov" (the "Site") as the County's publicly accessible website, approved the form of interlocal agreement (the "Agreement") attached hereto as Exhibit "A" for the publication of municipal legal advertisements and public notices on the Site, and authorized the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to execute the Agreement with any governmental agencies within the County relating to the same; and

**WHEREAS**, the estimated annual cost for the software, maintenance, and support necessary for the publication of municipal legal advertisements and public notices on the Site is \$707 per authorized City employee user, which is less than the cost of advertising in a newspaper of general circulation in the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission desires to authorize the City Manager to negotiate and enter into the Agreement with the County in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit "A" relating to the publication of municipal legal advertisements and public notices on the Site; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission finds that this Resolution is in the best interest and welfare of the residents of the City.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED 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 Resolution upon adoption hereof.

**SECTION 2.** That the City Manager is authorized to execute any an Interlocal Agreement between Miami-Dade County and the City of Coral Gables hereto as Exhibit "A" and any subsequent amendments, extensions, renewals, or related documents necessary to implement the Agreement, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form, content, and legal sufficiency.

**SECTION 3.** That this Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY OF AUGUST, A.D., 2024.

(Moved: \_\_\_\_/ Seconded: \_\_\_\_)

(Yeas:)

(Unanimous:)

(Non-Agenda Item)

APPROVED:

VINCE LAGO  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

BILLY Y. URQUIA  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND  
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CRISTINA M. SUÁREZ  
CITY ATTORNEY