



# City of Coral Gables Planning and Zoning Staff Report

Applicant: City of Coral Gables  
 Application: **Zoning Code Text Amendment – Parking Garage Screening**  
 Public Hearing: Planning and Zoning Board  
 Date & Time: **August 29, 2018; 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.**  
 Location: City Commission Chambers, City Hall,  
 405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, Florida 33134

## 1. APPLICATION REQUEST

The City of Coral Gables is requesting review and consideration of the following:

*An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida providing for a text amendment to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code by amending Article 5, “Development Standards,” Division 14, “Parking, Loading, and Driveway Requirements,” Section 5-1405, “Landscaping, screening, and design” clarifying requirements for screening of integrated structured parking and requiring additional screening on parking garages; providing for severability, repealer, codification, and an effective date.*

## 2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

As directed by the Planning & Zoning Board, Staff has prepared Zoning Code text amendments to establish provisions to require garage openings to be screened from surrounding properties and rights-of-way to prohibit visibility of interior lights and car headlights.

## 3. PROPOSED ZONING CODE TEXT AMENDMENT

The proposed Zoning Code text amendment is provided below in ~~striketrough~~/underline format.

### ARTICLE 5 – Development Standards

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### Division 14. Parking, Loading, and Driveway Requirements

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### Section 5-1405. Landscaping, screening, and design.

A. General. Landscaping shall be provided as required by Article 5, Division 11.

B. Screening of integrated structured parking.

~~C. When required. Screening of parking that is structurally and architecturally integrated into or located under a building is required pursuant to this Section 5-1405(B)(2) when:~~

1. The building is in an MF2, MFSA, CL, C, I or MXD Districts;
2. Any part of the area in or under the building that is used for parking (from finished floor to ceiling) is located above established grade and closer than twenty (20) feet to the front building setback line; and
3. No intervening use (e.g., retail, lobby, etc.) is located between the parking and the front setback line ~~at ground level.~~

~~D. Parking garage exterior ~~façade treatment~~ design.~~

1. The exterior façades of parking garages ~~that are not subject to Subsection B~~ shall be designed and improved so that the use of the building for parking is not readily apparent-
- ~~2. Parking garages that are not subject to Subsection B and~~ shall reflect the architectural character and exterior finishes of the principal building that is to be served.
2. Parking garage openings shall be screened from surrounding properties and rights-of-way to minimize visible lights and car headlights.

E. Automated parking systems. Automated parking systems shall be located within a structure so that a visual barrier is in place to screen the parking from pedestrian view. The structure shall be subject to all standards that apply to the design and location of parking garages.

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#### 4. FINDINGS OF FACT

In accordance with Section 3-1405 of the Zoning Code, the Planning and Zoning Board shall not recommend adoption of, and the City Commission shall not adopt, text amendments to these land Zoning Code unless the text amendment:

- A. Promotes the public health, safety, and welfare.
- B. Does not permit uses the Comprehensive Plan prohibits in the area affected by the district boundary change or text amendment.
- C. Does not allow densities or intensities in excess of the densities and intensities which are permitted by the future land use categories of the affected property.
- D. Will not cause a decline in the level of service for public infrastructure which is the subject of a concurrency requirement to a level of service which is less the minimum requirements of the Comprehensive Plan.

E. Does not directly conflict with an objective or policy of the Comprehensive Plan.

Staff finds that all five of these criteria are satisfied.

## 5. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CONSISTENCY

In accordance with Section 3-1407 of the Zoning Code, the Planning and Zoning Board shall determine whether the Zoning Code text amendment is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan. Staff finds that the proposed text amendment is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.

## 6. PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

The following has been completed to provide notice of the request:

Type	Date
Legal advertisement	08.17.18
Posted agenda on City web page/City Hall	08.17.18
Posted Staff report on City web page	08.24.18

## 7. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

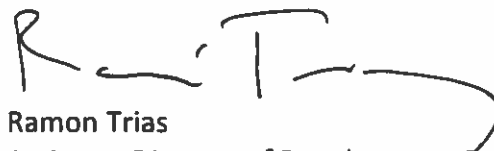
The Planning and Zoning Division recommends approval.

## 8. ATTACHMENTS

A. 08.17.18 Legal advertisement published.

Please visit the City's webpage at [www.coralgables.com](http://www.coralgables.com) to view all Application plans and materials, notices, applicable public comments, minutes, etc. The complete Application and all background information also is on file and available for examination during business hours at the Planning and Zoning Division, 427 Biltmore Way, Suite 201, Coral Gables, Florida 33134.

Respectfully submitted,



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Assistant Director of Development Services  
for Planning and Zoning  
City of Coral Gables, Florida

**MIAMI DAILY BUSINESS REVIEW**

Published Daily except Saturday, Sunday and  
Legal Holidays  
Miami, Miami-Dade County, Florida

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF MIAMI-DADE:

Before the undersigned authority personally appeared GUILLERMO GARCIA, who on oath says that he or she is the DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS, Legal Notices of the Miami Daily Business Review f/k/a Miami Review, a daily (except Saturday, Sunday and Legal Holidays) newspaper, published at Miami in Miami-Dade County, Florida; that the attached copy of advertisement, being a Legal Advertisement of Notice in the matter of

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in the XXXX Court,  
was published in said newspaper in the issues of

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Affiant further says that the said Miami Daily Business Review is a newspaper published at Miami, in said Miami-Dade County, Florida and that the said newspaper has heretofore been continuously published in said Miami-Dade County, Florida each day (except Saturday, Sunday and Legal Holidays) and has been entered as second class mail matter at the post office in Miami in said Miami-Dade County, Florida, for a period of one year next preceding the first publication of the attached copy of advertisement; and affiant further says that he or she has neither paid nor promised any person, firm or corporation any discount, rebate, commission or refund for the purpose of securing this advertisement for publication in the said newspaper.

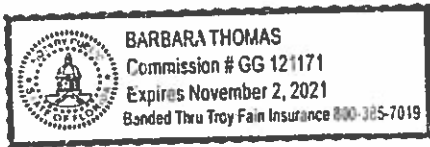
*Guillermo Garcia*

Sworn to and subscribed before me this  
17 day of AUGUST, A.D. 2018

*Barbara Thomas*

(SEAL)

GUILLERMO GARCIA personally known to me



**CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

City Public Hearing Local Planning Agency / Planning and Zoning  
Dates/Times Board Wednesday, August 29, 2018, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
Location City Commission Chambers, City Hall,  
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, Florida, 33134

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the City of Coral Gables, Florida, Local Planning Agency (LPA)/ Planning and Zoning Board (PZB) will conduct Public Hearings on the following:

1. A Resolution of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida granting conditional use approval pursuant to Zoning Code Article 4, "Zoning Districts," Division 2, "Overlay and Special Purpose Districts," Section 4-208.A.3(a), "Residential Infill Regulations (RIR)," for a multi-family building on property zoned Multi-Family 2 (MF2) legally described as Lots 1 thru 7, Block 43 of Douglas Section (24, 28, and 44 Zamora Avenue), Coral Gables, Florida; including required conditions; providing for severability, repealer and an effective date.
2. An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida providing for a text amendment to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code by amending Article 4, "Zoning Districts," Division 3, "Nonresidential Districts," Section 4-302, "Commercial District" requiring conditional use review for schools located within a Commercial zoning district; providing for severability, repealer, codification, and an effective date.
3. A Resolution of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida granting conditional use approval pursuant to Zoning Code Article 3, "Development Review," Division 4, "Conditional Uses" and Article 4, "Zoning Districts," Division 3, "Nonresidential Districts," Section 4-302, "Commercial District" for a school on property zoned Commercial District for the property legally described as Lots 17 thru 24, Block 17, Coral Gables Section "K" (2000 Ponce de Leon Blvd), Coral Gables, Florida; including required conditions; providing for a repealer provision, providing for a severability clause, and providing for an effective date.
4. An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida providing for a text amendment to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code by amending Article 5, "Development Standards," Division 14, "Parking, Loading, and Driveway Requirements," Section 5-1405, "Landscaping, screening, and design" requiring additional screening on parking garages; providing for severability, repealer, codification, and an effective date.

All interested parties are invited to attend and participate. Upon recommendation by the Board, the applications will be scheduled for City Commission consideration. Please visit the City webpage at [www.coralgables.com](http://www.coralgables.com) to view information concerning the applications. The complete applications are on file and available for examination during business hours at the Planning and Zoning Division, 427 Biltmore Way, Suite 201, Coral Gables, Florida, 33134. Questions and written comments can be directed to the Planning and Zoning Division at [planning@coralgables.com](mailto:planning@coralgables.com) (FAX: 305.460.5327) or 305.460.5211.

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Any person, who acts as a lobbyist pursuant to the City of Coral Gables Ordinance No. 2006-11, as amended, must register with the City Clerk prior to engaging in lobbying activities before City Staff, Boards, Committees or City Commission. A copy of the Ordinance is available in the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by a Board, Committee or City Commission with respect to any matter considered at a meeting or hearing, that person will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based (F.S. 286.0105). Any meeting may be opened and continued and, under certain circumstances, additional legal notice will not be provided. Any person requiring special accommodations in order to attend or participate in the meeting should contact the City's ADA Coordinator, Raquel Elejabarrieta (Email: [relejabarrieta@coralgables.com](mailto:relejabarrieta@coralgables.com)), Telephone: 305-722-8686, TTY/TDD: 305-442-1600, at least three (3) working days prior to the meeting. All meetings are telecast live on Coral Gables TV Channel 77.

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