

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA DIRECTING STAFF TO REQUIRE TREE SURVEYS AND TREE PROTECTION MEASURES UPON APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE AND BOARD OF ARCHITECTS, WHERE APPLICABLE; DIRECTING STAFF TO PROPOSE AMENDMENT TO THE CITY CODE ACCORDINGLY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City desires to maintain its extensive tree coverage and beautiful specimen trees as they enhance quality of life and serve as an important heritage of the City; and,

WHEREAS, the current City Code has extensive regulations on the protection of trees during the construction phase and applicants are required to apply for separate tree permit to the Public Service Division; and,

WHEREAS, there have been occurrences when site and building plans have been reviewed by the City and the site plan or architectural design did not take into full consideration the location of specimen trees; and,

WHEREAS, when specimen trees exist on a site, it is the City's desire to have a greater emphasis on tree protection and preservation, and not on tree removal, during the design phase of commercial and residential projects, while respecting property rights; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY 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 the Resolution upon adoption hereof.

SECTION 2. The City Commission directs the Development Services Department to now require tree surveys and tree protection measures be made part of applications for Development Review Committee and Board of Architects so that all specimen trees on site and in the public right-of-way can be evaluated and reasonably incorporated into the design of residential and commercial structures and site plans.

SECTION 3. The City Commission formally directs staff to propose the necessary changes to the City Code to formalize this process.

SECTION 4. That this Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____ A.D., 2014.

APPROVED:

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

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