



**City of Coral Gables  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
October 14, 2014**

**ITEM TITLE:**

**Ordinance on First Reading.** An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida, amending the Code of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, by creating Sections 34-175 through 34-185 of the City Code, "Forfeiture of Abandoned Real Property" of Chapter 34 "Nuisances", to create a process by which the city can take and perfect right, title, and interest in and to such properties which are or remain in violation of the City Code or Zoning Code; and Providing for Severability, Repealer, Codification, and an Effective Date.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD RECOMMENDATION:**

Approval.

**BRIEF HISTORY:**

As a result of the foreclosure crisis, which has been widely reported since 2008, several bank owned properties within the Coral Gables Community have been found to be in violation of the City Code. The properties are not being maintained by the various financial institutions in accordance with the City Code, despite being notified of the deficiencies.

This ordinance will provide additional tools for the City to address situations where a bank owned property is found to be in violation of the City Code for an extended period of time, specifically exceeding 6 months.

**APPROVED BY:**

City Attorney	City Manager
	

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. Draft Ordinance