



City of Coral Gables  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
November 9, 2022

**ITEM TITLE:**

**ORDINANCE ON FIRST READING:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, CREATING SECTION 42-41 "SMOKING IN PARKS" PROHIBITING SMOKING IN ALL PARKS OPERATED BY THE CITY, PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER PROVISION, SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE (SPONSORED BY MAYOR LAGO)

**BRIEF HISTORY:**

In 2022, the State Legislature amended Florida Statue 386.209, "Regulation of smoking preempted to state," to allow a municipality to restrict smoking within the boundaries of any public beaches and public parks that they own, except that municipalities may not further restrict the smoking of unfiltered cigars.

Given the well-documented public health concerns regarding tobacco use, and the effect of smoking debris on the beauty and safety of the City parks, the City is recommending the prohibition on smoking and vaping in City parks in accordance with state law.

This ordinance will not affect any County or privately owned or operated parks within the City.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. Draft Ordinance