

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-__

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, AMENDING ARTICLE IV, “CODE ENFORCEMENT,” SECTION 101-100, “CREATION; MEMBERSHIP; STATUTES TO GOVERN BOARD,” OF THE CITY CODE TO REVISE THE MEMBERSHIP AND ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEALER, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Coral Gables finds that it is in the best interest of the City and its residents to update the qualifications for appointment to the Code Enforcement Board to ensure professional representation from relevant and licensed fields; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission recognizes the importance of regular participation by members of the Code Enforcement Board and therefore seeks to reinforce and clarify attendance expectations to promote consistent engagement; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that these amendments support transparency, fairness, and professionalism in the City’s code enforcement proceedings;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. That the foregoing “**WHEREAS**” clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Ordinance upon adoption hereof.

SECTION 2. Section 101-100 of the City Code, is amended as attached in Exhibit A¹:

SECTION 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. If any section, part of section, paragraph, clause, phrase or word of this Ordinance is declared invalid, the remaining provisions of this Ordinance shall not be affected.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Commission of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made part of the City Code and that the sections of this “ordinance” may be changed to “section”, “article”, or such other appropriate word or phrase in order to accomplish such intentions.

SECTION 6. If the City Code Table of Contents or other reference portions is affected by these provisions, then changes are approved as a part of this Ordinance.

¹ Deletions are indicated by ~~strike through~~. Insertions are indicated by underline.

SECTION 7. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption. The revised membership and qualification requirements shall apply prospectively and shall take effect as existing board seats become vacant, or as appointments, reappointments, or replacements are made following the effective date of this ordinance.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, A.D. 2025.

APPROVED:

VINCE LAGO

MAYOR

ATTEST:

BILLY Y. URQUIA

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM

AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

CRISTINA M. SUÁREZ

CITY ATTORNEY

Exhibit “A”

ARTICLE IV. - CODE ENFORCEMENT

Sec. 101-100 - Creation; membership; statutes to govern board

(a) There is hereby created and established a code enforcement board to enforce the technical codes in force in the city, including, but not limited to, occupational licenses, fire, building, zoning and sign codes and ordinances, which board shall consist of seven members appointed by the mayor and city commissioners for three-year terms except as set forth herein.

(b) Members of the code enforcement board shall be residents of the city. Appointments shall be made on the basis of experience or interest in the fields of zoning and building control. ~~The membership of the code enforcement board shall, whenever possible, consist of an architect, a businessman, an engineer, a general contractor, a subcontractor and a realtor, but shall not be limited to these professions if there are no such qualified persons available.~~ The membership of the code enforcement board shall consist of appointments made from the following list of professions:

1. A licensed architect
2. A licensed engineer
3. A general contractor or subcontractor licensed in the State of Florida
4. A businessperson with an occupational license in the city or Miami-Dade County
5. A realtor licensed in the State of Florida
6. An attorney licensed in the State of Florida
7. A landscape architect licensed in the State of Florida

The board may have multiple members of one profession and not every profession must be represented. Whenever possible, priority will be given to professions 1-5 listed above, consistent with F.S. 162.05

(c) Upon expiration of initial staggered terms, subsequent appointments for three years shall be made. Appointments to fill a vacancy shall be for the remainder of the unexpired term. If any member fails to attend two of three successive meetings, not including an excused absence as determined by the City without cause and without prior approval of the chairperson, the board City Clerk shall notify the board of the vacancy ~~declare the member's office vacant~~, and the mayor and city commissioners shall promptly fill such vacancy for the remainder of the term. Excessive absences as defined in Section 2-54 are also cause for removal by the city manager.

(d) Members of the code enforcement board shall elect a chairperson. The presence of four or more members shall constitute a quorum.