



**City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
May 5, 2026**

ITEM TITLE:

(Ordinance on First Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 2 “ADMINISTRATION”, ARTICLE I- “IN GENERAL” TO CREATE SECTION 2-6 “REGISTERED AGENT” IN ORDER TO CODIFY THE MAYOR’S DESIGNATION OF THE CITY ATTORNEY AS THE CITY’S REGISTERED AGENT FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS FOR PURPOSES OF CHAPTER 48, FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEALER, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

BRIEF HISTORY:

Section 6 of the City Charter provides that the Mayor shall be recognized as the official head of the City by the courts for the purpose of serving civil processes and Florida Statutes Section 48.111(a) states that process against any municipal corporation may be served on the registered agent of a municipality.

In coordination with the Mayor’s office, the City’s Attorney’s office has traditionally accepted service of legal documents on behalf of the City, which was facilitated by the City Attorney’s location in City Hall with the City’s elected officials.

As the City transitions to temporary quarters during the renovation and restoration of City Hall the Mayor believes it is in the best interest of the City to formally designate the City Attorney and the City Attorney’s office as the registered agent for purposes of service of process pursuant to Chapter 48, Florida Statutes.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Draft Ordinance