

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-___

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES AMENDING SECTION 2-305, “LOBBYING” OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES ETHICS CODE TO MAKE IT CONSISTENT WITH AMENDMENTS TO THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY LOBBYING ORDINANCE, ADDING A “DUTY TO ANNOUNCE” AND “DUTY TO LIST” REQUIREMENT, AND ESTABLISHING A MANDATORY TRAINING REQUIREMENT, PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, REPEALER PROVISION, CODIFICATION, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade County Ethics Code sets the minimum standard for ethics rules applying to elected officials, appointed officials, and county/city employees and, applies throughout Miami-Dade County and all municipalities within Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, specifically, the Miami-Dade County Ethics Code sets forth the minimum standard for rules relating to and regulating lobbying activity; and

WHEREAS, in Section 2-305 of the City Code, the City sets forth its lobbying regulations; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-305 of the City Code has not been substantially revised since 2006 and only partially revised in 2017; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County is currently making changes to the lobbying regulations in the Miami-Dade County Ethics Code and an ordinance has been adopted on first reading by the Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission wishes to amend its lobbying regulations to be consistent with the Miami-Dade County amendments and to ensure that all City regulations that differ, are more stringent than those imposed by Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission wishes to add a “duty to announce” requirement to Section 2-305 of the City Code; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission wishes to add a “duty to list” requirement to Section 2-305 of the City Code; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission wishes to require that all lobbyist complete ethics training;

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

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 2-305 “Lobbying,” of Article V, “Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics,” Chapter 2 of the Official Code of the City of Coral Gables is hereby amended as shown in Attachment A, with deletions indicated by ~~strike throughs~~ and insertions indicated by underline.

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 a part of the City of Coral Gables Code of Ordinances; and that the sections of this Ordinance may be re-numbered or re-lettered to accomplish such intention, and the word “ordinance” may be changed to “section”, “article”, or such other appropriate word or phrase in order to accomplish such intentions.

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

SECTION 7. This ordinance shall become effective upon its passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 24th DAY OF AUGUST, A.D., 2021.

APPROVED:

VINCE LAGO
MAYOR

ATTEST:

BILLY URQUIA
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL
SUFFICIENCY:

MIRIAM SOLER RAMOS
CITY ATTORNEY