

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-\_\_**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 2 “ADMINISTRATION”, ARTICLE II- “CITY COMMISSION” TO AMEND SECTION 2-29 ” COMPENSATION OF MAYOR, COMMISSIONERS; TRAVEL ALLOWANCE; OFFICE EXPENSE” TO REQUIRE A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS PRIOR TO CERTAIN CHANGES IN COMPENSATION CONSISTENT WITH THE RECENTLY APPROVED CHARTER AMENDMENT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEALER, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Resolution No. 2026-12, the electors of the City considered a charter amendment which would amend the City Charter to require a vote of the electors to prior to any changes in compensation of the Commission beyond the annual consumer price index increase contemplated in the City Code; and

**WHEREAS**, in Resolution No. 2026-116, the City Commission accepted and approved the results of the April 21, 2026 special mail ballot election where the question requiring a vote of the electors prior to changes to commission compensation was approved by 77.84% of the voters; and

**WHEREAS**, this Ordinance amends the City Code consistent with that Charter amendment to require a vote of the electors for any change to the compensation of the commission beyond the annual increases for CPI-W contemplated in the City Code.

**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.** That the City Commission does hereby amend Chapter 2, “Administration,” Article II “City Commission,” Section 2-29- “Compensation of Mayor, Commissioners; Travel Allowance; Office Expense” as indicated below<sup>1</sup>:

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<sup>1</sup> Deletions are indicated by ~~strike through~~. Insertions are indicated by underline.

**Sec. 2-29. Compensation of mayor, commissioners; travel allowance; office expense.**

- (a) *Compensation.* The annual compensation of the five members of the city commission beginning May 19, 2025, shall be \$47,408.62 for the mayor, \$41,475.57 for the vice-mayor, and \$38,522.75 for each of the three commissioners. Commencing October 1, 1986, and each October thereafter, all increases in compensation for elected officials shall be tied to the annual increase in the CPI-W for urban wage earners and clerical workers from the preceding July, and shall be ratified by the commission at a public hearing, with such increase to be retroactive to the beginning of the fiscal year. Any changes to the compensation of the five members of the commission after April 21, 2026, beyond the annual increases for CPI-W set forth above, shall require approval of the electors.
- (b) *Travel expense.* Travel expense for each commissioner is hereby fixed at \$1,200.00 per annum, and travel expense for the mayor-commissioner is hereby fixed at \$1,800.00 per annum, at a minimum, or as provided for in the annual adopted budget.
- (c) *Expense allowance.* An expense allowance for each commissioner is hereby fixed at a minimum amount of \$500.00 per month for the mayor and \$400.00 per month for the vice mayor and each of the three commissioners, or as provided for in the annual adopted budget.
- (d) *Mayor's office allowance.* Office allowance for the mayor for secretarial, telephone, postage and like expenses is hereby fixed at \$100.00 per month, at a minimum, or as provided for in the annual adopted budget.

**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 portion is affected by these provisions, then changes are approved as a part of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 7.** This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, A.D. 2026.

APPROVED:

VINCE LAGO  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

BILLY Y. URQUIA  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

CRISTINA M. SUÁREZ  
CITY ATTORNEY

