

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, AMENDING SECTION 1-104 “JURISDICTION AND APPLICABILITY”; SECTION 8-109 “MOVING OF EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS”; SECTION 8-106 “CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS”; SECTION 14-209.4; SECTION 14-215.3 “NOTICE AND HEARING PROCEDURES”; SECTION 15-102 “NOTICE” OF THE CITY’S ZONING CODE IN ORDER TO PROVIDE A DEFINITION OF PUBLICATION AND REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT FOR NEWSPAPER PUBLICATION, PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER PROVISION, SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**WHEREAS**, in 2022 the State Legislature adopted HB 7049- Legal Notices, amending the legal notice requirements in Chapter 50, Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS** beginning January 1, 2023 Cities are now permitted to publish all required legal notices and advertisements on a publicly accessible website as specified in Florida Statute 50.0311 ; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has traditionally advertised and published required notices in newspapers of general circulation however, there have been recent cost increases and fewer options available for publication in newspapers; and

**WHEREAS**, as the number of newspaper subscribers continues to shrink and the City turns to more responsive and lower cost online notices, including e-news, social media, and the City’s revised website, the City wishes to take advantage of the option to publish legal notices on a publicly accessible website and amend the Zoning Code accordingly, and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County has created a County-wide website for legal notices, as required in Florida Statutes, and the City is able to utilize that website for legal notices; and

**WHEREAS**, the City will proceed to publish annual notices in a newspaper of general circulation pointing residents to the City’s online notices as required in Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, the City estimates that the move to online notifications will result in over fifty percent savings in annual publication costs; and

**WHEREAS**, in conjunction with this move to online legal advertising the City will conduct an education campaign so that City residents and interested parties are aware of the shift to online publication; and

**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 of Coral Gables Zoning Code be amended as indicated in the attached Exhibit A<sup>1</sup>:

**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 of Coral Gables Zoning 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 of Coral Gables Zoning Code Table of Contents or other reference portions 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. 2023.

APPROVED:

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

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MAYOR

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