City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
**October 12, 2021**

**ITEM TITLE:**

**Ordinance on First Reading:** An Ordinance of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, amending the Cocoplum Phase 1 Street Lighting Special Taxing District, as created by Miami-Dade County pursuant to County Ordinance 20-114, to increase the proposed streetlights from 55 to 123 lights and change the method of assessment from assessing on the basis of lot frontage to applying a per parcel charge; providing severability, repealer, and an effective date.

**BRIEF HISTORY:**

On April 1, 2021 the City of Coral Gables received a letter of intent from over 20% of the homeowners ("Petitioner") within the Cocoplum Phase One Street Lighting Special Taxing District ("District") requesting a modification to the District to increase the proposed streetlights from 55 to 123 lights and changing the method of assessment from assessing on the basis of lot frontage to applying a per parcel charge.

A petition was been created and approved by the City Commission pursuant to Resolution 2021-75 on May 11, 2021.

The Petitioners, in accordance with the Special Taxing District Amendment policies as adopted by the City, have circulated the approved petition throughout the District and have submitted a list of 105 signatures. The District contains 149 parcels and therefore the submitted list of signatures represents over 70% of the parcels in the District.

It must be noted that some of the signatures are pending further information which Petitioner is working to provide prior to the Commission meeting. If Petitioner is able to verify at least 100 signatures to the satisfaction of the Commission, then the Commission may choose to amend the District through Ordinance with or without an election.

If Petitioner is unable to verify at least 100 signatures to the satisfaction of the Commission then the amendment would, in accordance with the Special Taxing District Amendment policies, need to proceed to an election, assuming there are at least 75 signatures in favor of the petition.

1. **Draft Ordinance - Amendment through Ordinance**
2. **Exhibit "A" – Completed Petition**
3. **Resolution approving the Petition**