



**City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
May 30, 2017**

ITEM TITLE:

A Resolution of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida, amending Ordinance 2015-17, as amended, to revise various Local Business Taxes by the Finance Department and Certified Lien Search Statement fees by the City Clerk's Office; providing severability clause, and an effective date.

DEPARTMENT HEADS RECOMMENDATION:

Approval.

BRIEF HISTORY:

On June 16, 2015, the City Commission adopted Ordinance 2015-17 that restated and amended city-wide fees, licenses, permits, services and penalties. Since that time, the City has made periodic updates, which are reflected in this updated Fee Schedule.

In 1995, the state legislature authorized municipalities to increase Local Business Tax (LBT) rates by a maximum of 5% once every two (2) years as provided for under Chapter 205.0535 of the Florida Statutes. The last adjustment to this tax was in 2015. The attached resolution increases most classifications by 5% effective October 1, 2017 (pages 53-81 of Exhibit I). Item number 151000-Landscape Maintenance Contractors rate is being decreased and will have a retroactive effective date to October 1, 2016. The adoption of this fee adjustment would allow reasonable time for computer systems update, staff notification and businesses to make payment before the expiration date of September 30, 2017. The amended local business tax rates will adjust annual revenue by approximately \$160,000.

Certified Lien Search Statement Fees are being increased from \$50.00 to \$75.00 for normal processing (3 business days) and adding a category for expedited processing (within 1 business day) with a fee of \$100.00. The Certified Lien Search Statement fee has not been increased since November 2008. The amended rates will adjust annual revenue by approximately \$55,000.00.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date	Resolution No.	Comments
06-16-15	Ordinance No. 2015-17	Restating existing Fee Schedule and updating various fees City-wide
08-25-15	Resolution No. 2015-196	Adjusting Sanitary Sewer Charges
10-13-15	Resolution No. 2015-253	Adjusting various Devt. Service Permit Fees
10-21-15	CAO 2015-105	Clarifying permit fee for parking garages and shell space
12-08-15	Resolution No. 2015-304	Waiving Solar Panels city permit fees
02-09-16	Ordinance No. 2016-08	Penalties for polystyrene usage
03-15-16	Resolution No. 2016-75	Reducing Board of Architects appeals fee

03-29-16	Ordinance No. 2016-21	Failure to post a “No Trespass” sign on a construction site
04-12-16	Ordinance No. 2016-25	Instituting a fine for unauthorized installation of buttons, pyramids, reflectors in ROW
06-14-16	Resolution No. 2016-148	Adjusting Storm Water fee, Sanitary Sewer Charges and Solid Waste Collection Fees
08-23-16	Ordinance No. 2016-44	Amended public notification fee from per envelope charge to staff review of courtesy notification letter for Planning and Zoning Board cases
10-11-16	Ordinance No. 2016-49	Amended Conditional Use fee for Bed and Breakfast Est. for Historic Preservation Board
11-15-16	Resolution No. 2016-251	Fee to record documents electronically with Miami-Dade County
02-14-17	Resolution No. 2017-31	Amended Special Events Fee and Non-Resident Fee for Venetian Pool
03-28-17	Ordinance No. 2017-09	Landscape Vehicle Registration Fee
03-28-17	Resolution No. 2017-67	Updated Impact Fee, Sewer Capacity Fee

EXHIBIT(S):

A. Draft Fee Resolution