



**City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
March 20, 2018**

ITEM TITLE:

Ordinance on First Reading. An Ordinance of the City Commission of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, Amending Chapter 14, "Businesses" of the City of Coral Gables Code by Creating Article VII "Firearm Sales," to provide Restrictions on the Sale of "Assault Weapons" with Prescribed Penalties, providing for Repealer, Severability, Codification, Enforceability, and providing for an Effective Date. (Sponsored by Mayor Valdes-Fauli)

BRIEF HISTORY:

At the February 27, 2018 City Commission meeting, a vote was taken up, over the City Attorney's objection based on the preemption contained in Sec. 790.33, F.S, to ban the sale of "assault weapons" in the City of Coral Gables. The motion passed 4-0 with Commissioner Lago absent after leaving earlier in the day for a prior personal commitment. Separately, the City Commission directed the City Attorney's Office to draft an ordinance to that effect. The ordinance defines "assault weapons" as the State of Florida has in proposed bills that have ultimately failed and bans sales by "businesses" (which includes gun shows) but not personal sales. The City Attorney's legal opinion regarding the ordinance remains unchanged since the February 27, 2018 City Commission meeting.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Draft Ordinance