

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION 2016-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND CITY ADMINISTRATION TO RESEARCH AND DRAFT A CITY OF CORAL GABLES PARKING CODE TO INCLUDE CONTROL OVER TYPES OF VIOLATIONS, FINE AMOUNTS AND THE APPEALS PROCESS.

WHEREAS, significant anecdotal evidence exists that vehicles routinely stop and stand in the roadways in the City's commercial areas, when loading and unloading items; and

WHEREAS, while stopped in the roadway to load and unload, the vehicles block a lane of traffic causing an increase in traffic and often reducing or eliminating visibility for drivers and pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, the increase in traffic and decreased visibility pose a public safety concern for both drivers and pedestrians alike; and

WHEREAS, currently this conduct may be ticketed by the police department under Sec. 316.1945, F.S., however, the vehicles are often gone by the time the police arrive; and

WHEREAS, even when a police officer is able to issue a ticket, the fine amount is typically under \$40.00, consequently the issuance of the ticket does not serve as an effective deterrent; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission wishes to consider the idea of adopting a City of Coral Gables Parking Code where it sets fine amounts and is responsible for administering the process from its inception through its conclusion.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES:

SECTION 1. The foregoing "Whereas" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon adoption hereof.

SECTION 2. That the City Commission hereby directs the City Attorney's Office and City administration to research the practical, economic and legal implications of adopting a City Parking Code, including control over types of violations, fine amounts and the appeals process, and to draft a Parking Code for consideration by the City

Commission.

SECTION 3. That the City Commission hereby designates Commissioner Vince Lago to work with the City Attorney's Office and the administration on this matter.

SECTION 4. That this Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF JANUARY, A.D., 2017.

APPROVED:

JIM CASON
MAYOR

ATTEST:

WALTER J. FOEMAN
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
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CRAIG E. LEEN
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