

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR SUSTAINABLE CONSTRUCTION, DEVELOPMENT, AND DESIGN STANDARDS AND DIRECTING STAFF TO PREPARE AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY COMMISSION'S CONSIDERATION INCORPORATING SAID STANDARDS INTO APPLICABLE CITY AND ZONING CODES, AS APPROPRIATE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Coral Gables' City Commission wishes to promote and encourage development utilizing sustainable design and building practices; and

WHEREAS, the City of Coral Gables wishes to encourage and reward individuals and companies engaged in environmentally sound practices; and

WHEREAS, the City of Coral Gables recognizes the positive environmental impacts of energy efficient buildings and energy efficient building components; and

WHEREAS, the City of Coral Gables, strives to combat the depletion of natural resources and negative environmental impacts, such as air and water pollution, associated with typical development and construction practices; and

WHEREAS, the United States Green Building Council, through a nationally collaborative process, created the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards, which identifies a range of actions that define energy efficient buildings and establishes certification processes for new and existing buildings; and

WHEREAS, LEED certified buildings create an estimated energy savings of 50%, carbon water use savings of 40%, and waste cost savings of 70%, as compared to traditional buildings; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to incorporate the use of LEED standards, or other similar environmentally sustainable practices, into City operations under both the City's regulatory and proprietary authority, relating to projects in both the private and public sectors.

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 Ordinance upon adoption hereof.

SECTION 2. The City Commission does hereby establish a policy directive for the City to establish sustainability requirements for both private and public sector projects, and incorporate LEED, or other similar environmentally sustainable practices, in the exercise of its regulatory and proprietary authority, and requests that an ordinance be drafted for the Commission's consideration incorporating this directive.

SECTION 3. City Staff is hereby directed, within 60 days of the adoption of this Resolution, to prepare an ordinance for the City Commission's consideration, consistent with the City's established procedures, amending the City's Zoning and City Codes, as applicable, to implement this policy directive.

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY. If any action, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Resolution is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, then said holding shall in no way affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Resolution.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption hereof.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TWENTY-FIFTH DAY OF AUGUST, A.D., 2015.

(Moved by _____, Seconded by _____)
(Passed 0/0 vote)

JIM CASON
MAYOR

ATTEST:

WALTER FOEMAN
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

CRAIG E. LEEN
CITY ATTORNEY