

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY
OF CORAL GABLES DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER
TO DEVELOP A BEST PRACTICES GUIDE FOR CODE
VIOLATIONS RELATED TO THE CITY'S TREE
PROTECTION PROVISIONS**

WHEREAS, the City of Coral Gables places a high value on its urban forest and is committed to the preservation and protection of trees as an essential component of our community's environmental sustainability and aesthetic appeal; and

WHEREAS, the City Code includes provisions for the protection of trees, which are crucial for maintaining the quality of life, property values, and the overall well-being of our residents; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to ensure that the tree protection provisions of the City Code are consistently and effectively enforced to uphold the city's commitment to responsible tree management; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to provide guidance to property owners, developers, and residents regarding best practices for compliance with tree protection provisions, including recommendations for fines and penalties based on the size and importance of the trees involved; and

WHEREAS, a best practices guide for tree protection code violations will help streamline the enforcement process, provide clarity to stakeholders, and promote a proactive approach to tree preservation within our community.

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

SECTION 1. That 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. The City Manager is hereby directed to work collaboratively with Development Services and the Code Enforcement department to create a comprehensive best practices guide for code violations related to the tree protection provisions of the City Code.

SECTION 3. The best practices guide shall include, but not be limited to, recommendations for fines and penalties based on the size, species, health, and significance of the trees impacted by code violations.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TWENTY-SIXTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER,
A.D., 2023.

APPROVED:

VINCE LAGO

MAYOR

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

BILLY Y. URQUIA

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