



City of Coral Gables  
 CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
 December 10, 2024

**ITEM TITLE:**

An Ordinance of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, amending the City of Coral Gables Code, Chapter 10 “Animals”, to modify bird sanctuary protections by excluding pigeons, chickens, ducks, roosters, and other domestic fowl.

**BRIEF HISTORY:**

The City of Coral Gables has designated its territory as a bird sanctuary, prohibiting the shooting, trapping, killing, or destruction of birds or their nests within the city limits.

The City Commission recognizes the need to clarify the status of certain domestic fowl, including pigeons, chickens, ducks, roosters, and other domestic fowl, that may present health, safety, or nuisance concerns for residents.

In the interest of public health and welfare, the City Commission finds it appropriate to exclude certain domestic fowl from the city’s bird sanctuary protections to allow for the compassionate and regulated trapping or relocation of these animals, ensuring that any actions taken are conducted responsibly and with care.

Multiple changes since 1<sup>st</sup> reading, specifically the underlined provisions in red. The changes reaffirm the City’s commitment to humane and ethical treatment of all birds, especially if there is any City action. 10-2 was also amended to indicate that all actions must be done in accordance with any applicable state or federal laws.

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

No.	Amount	Account No.	Source of Funds
1.	None	N/A/	N/A
Total:			
<b>Fiscal Impact: None.</b>			

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. Draft Ordinance