

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item E-1
August 25, 2020
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

Mayor Raul Valdes-Fauli

Vice Mayor Vince Lago

Commissioner Pat Keon

Commissioner Michael Mena

Commissioner Jorge Fors

City Staff

City Manager, Peter Iglesias

Assistant City Manager, Ed Santamaria

City Attorney, Miriam Ramos

City Clerk, Billy Urquia

Planning and Zoning Director, Ramon Trias

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item E-1 [10:09 a.m.]

An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida providing for text amendments to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code, by amending Article 5, "Development Standards," Division 7 "Distance Requirements;" and Article 8, "Definitions," to create provisions and clarity for retail vape shops; providing for repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date. (02 12 2020 PZB recommended approval, Vote 7-0)

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Alright. Then we go on to ordinance on second reading, E-1.

City Attorney Ramos: Providing for text amendments to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code, by amending Article 5, "Development Standards," Division 7 "Distance Requirements;" and Article 8, "Definitions," to create provisions and clarity for retail vape shops; providing for repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date. This is a public hearing item. Mr. Trias.

Planning and Zoning Director Trias: Mayor, the ordinance has been modified following the discussion from the Commission. Now there's one criterion for distance, which is 500 feet from any school. And then, in addition, we have the vape shop definition and the vapor generating electronic devices definition, which you discussed in the past.

Vice Mayor Lago: Mr. Trias, quick question, just to put it up on the record. The distance that you talk about from a school, this falls in line with our current standards for liquor stores, correct?

Planning and Zoning Director Trias: Yes. It's very similar.

Vice Mayor Lago: Thank you.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Alright. Any public comments?

City Clerk Urquia: No comments, Mr. Mayor.

Commissioner Keon: I...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Do I hear a motion?

Commissioner Keon: You know, I would...

Vice Mayor Lago: So moved.

Commissioner Keon: I know that the -- I guess the federal law requires that you be 21 now to purchase vape -- vaping apparatus or material or whatever you vape with. You know, I really just want to make sure that we ensure that that notice is on every store that sells this item. I don't want to limit where they can sell it, but I want to make sure that they comply with all regulations to sell it. So, I hope you will pay special attention to that. Thank you.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you. Do I hear a motion?

Vice Mayor Lago: So moved.

Commissioner Keon: I'll move it.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Second?

Commissioner Keon: Second.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Will you call the roll, please?

Commissioner Fors: Yes.

Commissioner Keon: Yes.

Vice Mayor Lago: Yes.

Commissioner Mena: Yes.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yes.

(Vote: 5-0)