



**City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
April 10, 2018**

ITEM TITLE:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, URGING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO AMEND ITS CODE SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE SALE OF MASS-BRED DOGS AND CATS TO THE PUBLIC

(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Keon)

BRIEF HISTORY:

Mass-bred dogs and cats often come from breeding facilities known as “puppy mills” where they are bred and raised in appalling conditions. Various municipalities throughout the state of Florida have banned retail pet stores from selling mass-bred dogs and cats.

Most recently the City of Miami passed an ordinance in July of 2017 limiting the sale of pets to:

- 1) publicly operated animal control facilities or animal shelters
- 2) private, charitable, not for profit animal rescue organizations
- 3) publically operated animal control agencies or not for profit animal rescue organizations that operate out of or in connection with a pet store
- 4) pet stores that sell pets formerly from animal shelters or locally regulated hobby breeders; or
- 5) sales from hobby breeders

The City Commission urges Miami-Dade County to pass similar legislation so as to prohibit the sale of mass-bred dogs and cats to the public of Miami-Dade County

Attachment(s):

1. Proposed Resolution