

**City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting**  
**Agenda Item F-4**  
**April 26, 2022**  
**City Commission Chambers**  
**405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL**

**City Commission**

**Mayor Vince Lago**

**Vice Mayor Michael Mena**

**Commissioner Rhonda Anderson**

**Commissioner Jorge Fors**

**Commissioner Kirk Menendez**

**City Staff**

**City Manager, Peter Iglesias**

**City Attorney, Miriam Ramos**

**City Clerk, Billy Urquia**

**Assistant City Attorney, Stephanie Throckmorton**

**Public Speaker(s)**

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Agenda Item F-4 [Start: 3:44 p.m.]

An Ordinance of the City Commission amending the City of Coral Gables Code by creating Chapter 54 “Solid Waste”, Article III- Collection and Disposal, Division 3- Collection Requirements, Section 54-150 Prohibited Disposition of Yard Waste, Dirt, or Debris When Using Leaf Blowers; providing for repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date. (Sponsored by Commissioner Anderson)

Mayor Lago: Moving onto F-4, Commissioner Anderson’s item.

City Attorney Ramos: An Ordinance of the City Commission amending the City of Coral Gables Code by creating Chapter 54 “Solid Waste”, Article III- Collection and Disposal, Division 3- Collection Requirements, Section 54-150 Prohibited Disposition of Yard Waste, Dirt, or Debris When Using Leaf Blowers; providing for repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date. Ms. Throckmorton.

Assistant City Attorney Throckmorton: Thank you. In speaking with Commissioner Anderson after the last meeting and taking all your feedback, we’ve inserted a clarification that the fine for

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a violation of this section shall be issued to the individual using the leaf blower in violation of the section. However, should the individual violating the code section be acting in the scope of their employment by a contractor, landscaper, homeowner's association or other entity, that entity will receive the fine, not the individual employee, which hopefully clarifies the discussion we had at the last meeting.

Commissioner Anderson: We had another slight tweak to the language; would you mind covering that.

Assistant City Attorney Throckmorton: I'm not sure which section you're referring to.

Commissioner Anderson: It was in the Whereas clause.

Assistant City Attorney Throckmorton: Oh, yes. There was an addition in the Whereas clause just that the debris blown into neighboring property or streets can cause a nuisance for neighbors, pedestrians, or commuters as well.

Commissioner Anderson: Okay. I'll move it.

Commissioner Menendez: I'll second.

Commissioner Anderson: Yes

Commissioner Fors: Yes

Commissioner Menendez: Yes

Mayor Lago: Yes

(Vote: 4-0)

Vice Mayor Mena: Absent

Assistant City Attorney Throckmorton: Thank you.

Mayor Lago: Perfect.