

City of Coral Gables



CITY COMMISSION MEETING

April 7, 2026

ITEM TITLE:

A Resolution urging Miami-Dade County to reexamine Peafowl Protections and support coordinated countywide mitigation efforts.

BRIEF HISTORY:

Peafowl (commonly referred to as peacocks and peahens) are a non-native species that have established and expanded populations throughout Miami-Dade County, including within the City of Coral Gables and surrounding municipalities such as Pinecrest, South Miami, and the City of Miami.

While historically protected under Section 5-16 of the Miami-Dade County Code, these protections have limited the ability of municipalities and residents to effectively manage growing populations. Over time, the absence of comprehensive population control has contributed to increased community concerns, including noise disturbances, property damage, aggressive behavior during mating season, and sanitation issues.

Although Miami-Dade County has taken steps to allow municipalities to opt out of certain protections through the adoption of approved mitigation plans, current efforts remain fragmented and largely localized. Due to the mobility of peafowl across municipal boundaries, isolated mitigation strategies have proven insufficient in addressing the broader regional impact.

The purpose of the attached resolution is to urge Miami-Dade County to reexamine its existing regulatory framework governing peafowl and to support the development of a coordinated, countywide approach to population management.