

ITEM TITLE:

An Ordinance of the City Commission amending the Chapter 82 Vegetation of the City Code to clarify provisions regarding enforcement and fines, providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date.

(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

BRIEF HISTORY:

During the normal course of business, City staff identified inconsistent terms and language in the existing City's "Tree Code", specifically Chapter 82, and therefore is seeking to update the code to clarify any issues and improve the general process.

The City of Coral Gables recognizes the vital role that trees play in enhancing the quality of life, environmental sustainability, and aesthetic appeal of our community and it is in the best interest of the city to strengthen the tree protection measures to ensure the continued health and vitality of our urban forest that contributes to improved air quality, reduced heat island effect, and enhanced biodiversity within the City.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

| No. | Amount | Account No. | Source of Funds | |
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| 1. | None | N/A/ | N/A | |
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| Total: | | | | |
| Fiscal Imp | oact: None. | | | |

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Draft Ordinance