



City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
November 14, 2017

ITEM TITLE:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THE CITY'S ADMINISTRATION TO MAKE OPPOSITION OF SENATE BILL 574 PART OF THE CITY'S LEGISLATIVE AGENDA AND URGING THE FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATE NOT TO ADOPT SENATE BILL 574 OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION

(SPONSORED BY COMMISSIONER LAGO)

BRIEF HISTORY:

On October 20, 2017 Senator Greg Steube (R, Parts of Sarasota and Charlotte Counties) introduced Senate Bill 574- Tree and Timber Trimming, Removal, and Harvesting.

The text of Senate Bill 574 purports to expressly preempt all regulation of trimming, removal, or harvesting of trees and timber on private property to the state and prohibits a municipality, county, or other political subdivision from prohibiting or restricting a private landowner from trimming, removing, or harvesting trees or timber located on the landowner's private party, and prohibits a municipality, county or other political subdivision from requiring mitigation, including, but not limited to planting of tress or payment of a fee for the removal of harvesting of tress or timber from private property, and prohibits the burial of trees, shrubs, palmettos, or other vegetative debris on properties larger than 2.5 acres

The City has long established regulations regarding the trimming, removal, and harvesting of trees in the City as the trees located in the City enhance quality of life and serve as an important heritage of the City.

The City of Coral Gables Commission directs that opposition to Senate Bill 574 be made part of the City's legislative agenda. The City of Coral Gables urges the Senate not to adopt Senate Bill 574 or similar legislation

1. Proposed Resolution