

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA**

**RESOLUTION 2024-**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION ON THE PROPOSED BALLOT QUESTION AND CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024; PROVIDING FOR SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS FOR APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF A BALLOT QUESTION ASKING WHETHER THE CITY CHARTER SHOULD BE AMENDED TO REQUIRE AN INSPECTOR GENERAL WITH CERTAIN POWERS (INCLUDING THE POWER TO SUBPOENA WITNESSES) EITHER BY THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY INSPECTOR GENERAL OR OTHER CITY-APPOINTED INSPECTOR GENERAL, PROVIDED THAT SUCH OFFICE'S APPOINTMENT TERM FUNCTIONS, AND POWERS SHALL BE FURTHER ESTABLISHED BY ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR REQUISITE BALLOT LANGUAGE; PROVIDING FOR PROCEDURES FOR BALLOTING; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CITY CHARTER; PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**WHEREAS**, the City of Coral Gables is committed to high standards of transparency and accountability; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission is interested in establishing via Charter amendment approved by a majority of the electors, a requirement to have an Inspector General overseeing certain municipal matters; and

**WHEREAS**, section 9.11 of the Miami-Dade County Charter established an Office of Inspector General overseeing certain County matters and provides that additionally, the Office of Inspector General shall be empowered to provide inspector general services to other governmental entities and municipalities upon the approval of a request to provide such services by a majority of the Board of County Commissioners; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission is interested in having the inspector general services be provided to the City via an appropriate agreement with Miami-Dade County, or alternatively, via appointment of a City Inspector General; and

**WHEREAS**, this Resolution calls for a special election for a proposed ballot question to be placed on the November 5, 2024 ballot; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to section 6.03 of the Miami-Dade County Home Rule Charter, as well as the City Charter and Chapter 18 of the City Code, the City Commission is authorized to submit ballot questions to the electors of the City for approval or rejection of proposed amendments to the City Charter;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES:**

**SECTION 1.** That the foregoing “**WHEREAS**” clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon adoption hereof.

**SECTION 2. BALLOT QUESTION AND CHARTER AMENDMENT.** That pursuant to section 6.03 of the Miami-Dade County Home Rule Charter, as well as the City Charter and Chapter 18 of the City Code, the Commission seeks to place before the voters an amendment to the City’s Charter. The specific language for the amendment to the City Charter proposed by this Section is provided in Exhibit 1 to this Resolution.

**SECTION 3. ELECTION CALLED.** That on November 5, 2024, qualified electors in the City of Coral Gables will be presented with the ballot question provided in Section 4 of this Resolution.

**SECTION 4. FORM OF THE BALLOT QUESTION.** That the form of ballot for the question provided for in Section 2 of this Resolution shall substantially be as provided below:

**REQUIRING AN INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR THE  
CITY OF CORAL GABLES**

Shall the City Charter be amended to require:

- A contract with Miami-Dade County Inspector General to provide inspector general services to the City; or
- Appointment of a City Inspector General to investigate, audit, and oversee municipal matters in order to identify efficiencies and investigate and prevent fraud, waste, mismanagement and abuse of power, and who can subpoena witnesses and require production of documents, and whose appointment, term, functions, and powers shall be established by ordinance?

\_\_\_\_\_ YES

\_\_\_\_\_ NO

**SECTION 5. BALLOTING.** That balloting shall be conducted between the hours of 7:00 am and 7:00 pm on the date of the election. Vote-by-mail ballots shall be available. Early voting shall be provided in conjunction with the general election. All qualified City electors who are timely registered in accordance with law shall be entitled to vote. The City Clerk is authorized to obtain any and all necessary election administration services from the Miami-Dade County (the “County”) Supervisor of Elections. The County registration books shall remain open at the Office of the County Supervisor of Elections until the date at which the registration books shall close in accordance with the provisions of the general election laws. The City Clerk and the County Supervisor of Elections are hereby authorized to take all appropriate action necessary to carry into effect and accomplish the provisions of this Resolution. This election shall be canvassed by the Miami-Dade County Canvassing Board.

**SECTION 6. NOTICE OF ELECTION.** That notice of said election shall be published in accordance with Section 100.342, Fla. Stat., in a newspaper of general circulation within the City at least 30 days prior to said election, or by publication on the County’s website as provided in Section 50.0311, Fla. Stat. the municipality’s website, or the supervisor’s website, as applicable. The first publication shall be in the fifth week prior to the election, and the second publication shall be in the third week prior to the election, and notice shall be in substantially the following form:

"NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION"

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION NO. 2024-\_\_\_\_ ADOPTED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, AN ELECTION HAS BEEN CALLED AND ORDERED TO BE HELD WITHIN THE CITY ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 05, 2024, BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 7:00 A.M. AND 7:00 P.M., AT WHICH TIME THE FOLLOWING PROPOSAL SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY.

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shall be established by ordinance?

\_\_\_\_\_ YES

\_\_\_\_\_ NO

**SECTION 7. EFFECTIVENESS.**

- A. That the question provided for in Section 2 and 4 above shall become effective only if the majority of qualified electors voting on the specific question vote for its adoption, and it shall be considered adopted and effective upon certification of election results.
- B. That the City Attorney is authorized to revise the City Charter to the extent necessary to assure that the adoption of the Charter amendment provided for in this question conforms to and is properly included in the publication of the revised Charter, and to provide for transitional provision if needed.
- C. That the City Attorney is authorized to revise the exact working of this resolution, the ballot question contained herein, and the exhibit hereto to the extent necessary to ensure its placement on the ballot in accordance with law.
- D. That following the election, the City Clerk, City Attorney, and City Manager are directed to revise and encode and take any necessary actions to implement the amendment, if approved by the voters.

**SECTION 8. INCLUSION IN THE CHARTER.** That subject to the requirements herein, it is the intent of the City Commission, and it is hereby provided, that any Charter amendment approved by the voters shall become and be made a part of the City Charter.

**SECTION 9. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Resolution shall become effective upon passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY OF JULY, A.D., 2024.

(Moved: \_\_\_\_ / Seconded: \_\_\_\_)

(Yeas:)

(Unanimous:)

(Non-Agenda Item)

APPROVED:

VINCE LAGO

MAYOR

ATTEST:

BILLY Y. URQUIA  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND  
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

CRISTINA M. SUÁREZ  
CITY ATTORNEY

**EXHIBIT 1**

(Deletions are indicated by ~~striketrough~~. Insertions are indicated by underline.)

**Section 34h.- Inspector General**

The Commission shall appoint, through contract with the Miami-Dade County Inspector General, or through a process further established by Ordinance, an Inspector General. The Inspector General shall have the power to investigate, audit, review, and oversee municipal matters in order to identify efficiencies, and investigate and prevent fraud, waste, mismanagement, and abuse of power and subpoena witnesses. The Inspector General's appointment, term, functions, authority, and powers shall be further established by Ordinance or in an executed agreement with the Miami-Dade County Office of Inspector General and approved by the City Commission.