

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-298**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, DIRECTING CITY STAFF TO DEVELOP A COST BASED PILOT PROGRAM TO DIVERT GREEN YARD WASTE TO MORE SUSTAINABLE USES. (SPONSORED BY VICE MAYOR ANDERSON).

**WHEREAS**, in February 2023, the Miami-Dade County Resources Recovery Facility, a waste-to-energy plant in Doral, caught fire and was destroyed; and

**WHEREAS**, the destruction of the plant and lack of meaningful alternative facilities has resulted in additional waste being diverted to landfills; and

**WHEREAS**, this resolution directs City staff to develop a pilot program and to identify a company or companies to partner with a suitable site to divert green waste to more sustainable uses, including but not limited to converting the waste into mulch, compost, or biochar; and

**WHEREAS**, it further directs staff to identify a company or companies interested in partnering with the City on the pilot program, to evaluate the costs and benefits of the program to the City's solid waste operations, and to provide the City Commission with regular updates on the program; and

**WHEREAS**, the exploration of diverting green yard waste from landfills is consistent with the City Commission's longstanding commitment to environmental sustainability, the responsible management of natural resources, and reducing costs for residents;

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

**SECTION 1.** 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.

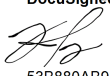
**SECTION 2.** That the City Commission hereby directs City staff to develop a pilot program to divert green yard waste to more sustainable uses.

**SECTION 3.** That City staff is directed to identify a company or companies interested in partnering with the City on the pilot program, to evaluate the costs and benefits of the program to the City's solid waste operations, and to provide the City Commission with regular updates on the program.

**SECTION 4.** This Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

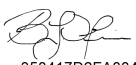
PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TENTH DAY OF OCTOBER, A.D., 2023.  
(Moved: Anderson / Seconded: Fernandez)  
(Yeas: Fernandez, Menendez, Anderson, Castro, Lago)  
(Unanimous: 5-0 Vote)  
(Agenda Item: F-8)

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