

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-237

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ESTABLISH A PERMIT EXPEDITING PROCESS FOR BUSINESS OWNERS SEEKING TO COME INTO COMPLIANCE WITH ACCESSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA).

WHEREAS, the City of Coral Gables is committed to promoting inclusivity, accessibility, and equal opportunities for all residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal law that prohibits discrimination against individuals with disabilities, ensuring their full and equal participation in all aspects of society, including access to public places; and

WHEREAS, businesses within the City of Coral Gables must comply with ADA accessibility requirements to ensure that individuals with disabilities have the same access to goods, services, and facilities as those without disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the importance of expediting the permitting process for business owners who are taking proactive steps to come into compliance with ADA accessibility requirements, thereby fostering a more inclusive community; and

WHEREAS, streamlining the permitting process for ADA compliance initiatives will encourage businesses to make necessary accessibility improvements without undue administrative hurdles; and

WHEREAS, by expediting the permitting process for ADA compliance, the City can improve its reputation as a leader in promoting accessibility and equal opportunities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY 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.

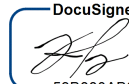
SECTION 2. That the City Commission hereby directs the City Manager to develop and implement an expedited permitting process specifically tailored for business owners who are making improvements to their properties to come into compliance with ADA accessibility requirements and the City Manager shall collaborate with the City's Communications Department to create a public awareness campaign that informs business owners of the expedited permitting process for ADA compliance initiatives.

SECTION 3. That this Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TWENTY-SECOND DAY OF AUGUST, A.D., 2023.

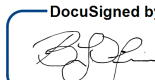
(Moved: Anderson / Seconded: Menendez)
(Yeas: Anderson, Castro, Fernandez, Menendez, Lago)
(Unanimous: 5-0 Vote)
(Agenda Item: F-16)

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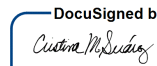
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