



**City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
March 14, 2017**

ITEM TITLE:

Ordinance on First Reading. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, REQUIRING LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE CONTRACTORS, TREE TRIMMERS, GARDENERS AND OTHERS SIMILARLY SITUATED, TO REGISTER ANNUALLY WITH THE CITY PRIOR TO PERFORMING ANY WORK IN THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, ENFORCEABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Sponsored by Commissioner Lago)

BRIEF HISTORY:

A significant portion of the City’s residents contract landscape maintenance contractors, tree trimmers, gardeners and others similarly situated, to perform services on their property. These service providers typically use trucks and/or trailers which they park in the City’s residential neighborhoods while they are performing work. The ordinance arises out of the public safety concern of having unidentified trucks parked in residential neighborhoods. In order to increase the safety of City residents, the Ordinance institutes a registration program for these types of service providers. Registration will also serve to create a list of landscapers/gardeners doing work in the City for purposes of informing these service providers of new regulations, etc.

The registration process will be performed by the Finance Department using the attached registration form. Each vehicle used by a service-provider will be required to have a decal (sample attached) which must be renewed annually. The ordinance provides for a 90-day educational/warning period before citations are issued.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

| No. | Amount | Account No. | Source of Funds |
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| 1. | | | |
| Total: | | Approved by: | |

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Draft Ordinance
2. Registration form
3. Maintenance of Traffic plans
4. Sample decal