



City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
January 8, 2019

ITEM TITLE:

Ordinance on Second Reading. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA PROVIDING FOR TEXT AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES OFFICIAL ZONING CODE, ARTICLE 5, "DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS," DIVISION 13, "MISCELLANEOUS CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS," SECTION 5-1302, "SUSTAINABILITY STANDARDS", TO CLARIFY THE TIMELINE WITHIN WHICH GREEN CERTIFICATION MUST BE ACHIEVED FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION AND TO AMEND THE GREEN BUILDING BOND SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEALER, AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

BRIEF HISTORY:

The City Commission is concerned about and dedicated to protecting the environment, and seeks to promote sustainability in all that it does. The City Commission believes that the environment is key to the health, safety, and welfare of Coral Gables residents, as well as to the natural beauty of the City.

On April 26, 2016, the City Commission adopted Ordinance No. 2016-29, amending the Official Zoning Code to incorporate "green" building standards on certain new construction projects.

Since the adoption of Ordinance No. 2016-29, City staff has identified an issue with the language adopted. The City Commission desires to clarify the timeline within which green certification must be achieved for new construction projects and desires to amend the Green Building Bonds submittal requirements previously adopted in 2016.

It should be noted that procedurally this item was not presented to the Planning and Zoning Board as it was determined by City staff that the existing language was not clear and the proposed text amendment in this new ordinance amounts to no more than clarifying the existing language.

The Ordinance was approved on first reading on December 11th, 2018.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Draft Ordinance