



**City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
October 8, 2019**

ITEM TITLE:

Ordinance on Second Reading: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 74, "TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES" OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES CODE TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL DEFINITIONS AND PROHIBIT PRIVATELY-OWNED, METERED SURFACE PARKING LOT OPERATORS FROM ISSUING PARKING VIOLATIONS THAT REASONABLY APPEAR TO BE A MIAMI-DADE COUNTY UNIFORM PARKING CITATION TO MOTOR VEHICLES PARKED IN SAID PRIVATELY-OWNED, METERED SURFACE PARKING LOTS, AND CHAPTER 1, "GENERAL PROVISIONS", SECTION 1-7 ENTITLED "PENALTIES" TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF CHAPTER 74; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEALER, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Sponsored by Vice Mayor Lago) (Sponsored by Commissioner Mena)

BRIEF HISTORY:

The City of Coral Gables has received numerous complaints alleging that certain private parking lot owners and operators have been placing parking tickets on the windshields of their customers who either did not pay a parking fee or whose time for parking elapsed.

These parking tickets are designed to look like real Miami-Dade County parking tickets in form and appearance and in some cases, even have the orange stripe that is identical to the official Miami-Dade County Uniform Parking Citations issued by the City of Coral Gables. Even after some private owners and operators made changes to the design of the parking tickets, confusion has persisted.

There is no basis in the City of Coral Gables City Code or the Miami-Dade County Code for a privately-owned, metered surface parking lot owner or operator to issue any such parking tickets thereby rendering the parking tickets null and void; and often the penalty and late fees stated in the violations exceed posted parking rates many times over.

The City understands that while privately-owned, surface parking lot owners and operators must have a way to collect payment from patrons; there are alternatives available to the owners and operators. As such, it is in the best interests of the City to prohibit the practice of the issuance of parking tickets by privately-owned, metered surface parking lot operators. Chapter 1- General Provisions, is being amended to add penalties for violations of Chapter 74 as amended by this Ordinance.

The latest draft, titled Track Changes since 08-05-19, indicates changes since the last meeting in redline. The remaining sections of the Ordinance, which remains unchanged, appear as underline and strikethrough in black.

1. **Proposed Ordinance**
2. **Proposed Ordinance with Track Changes from First Reading**