

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2021-24**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES AMENDING SECTION 2-305, “LOBBYING” OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES ETHICS CODE TO MAKE IT CONSISTENT WITH AMENDMENTS TO THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY LOBBYING ORDINANCE, ADDING A “DUTY TO ANNOUNCE” AND “DUTY TO LIST” REQUIREMENT, AND ESTABLISHING A MANDATORY TRAINING REQUIREMENT, PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, REPEALER PROVISION, CODIFICATION, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**WHEREAS**, the Miami-Dade County Ethics Code sets the minimum standard for ethics rules applying to elected officials, appointed officials, and county/city employees and, applies throughout Miami-Dade County and all municipalities within Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, specifically, the Miami-Dade County Ethics Code sets forth the minimum standard for rules relating to and regulating lobbying activity; and

**WHEREAS**, in Section 2-305 of the City Code, the City sets forth its lobbying regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 2-305 of the City Code has not been substantially revised since 2006 and only partially revised in 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County is currently making changes to the lobbying regulations in the Miami-Dade County Ethics Code and an ordinance has been adopted on first reading by the Board of County Commissioners; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission wishes to amend its lobbying regulations to be consistent with the Miami-Dade County amendments and to ensure that all City regulations that differ, are more stringent than those imposed by Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission wishes to add a “duty to announce” requirement to Section 2-305 of the City Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission wishes to add a “duty to list” requirement to Section 2-305 of the City Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission wishes to require that all lobbyist complete ethics training;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE 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 Ordinance upon adoption hereof.

**SECTION 2.** Section 2-305 “Lobbying,” of Article V, “Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics,” Chapter 2 of the Official Code of the City of Coral Gables is hereby amended as shown in **Attachment A**, with deletions indicated by ~~strikethroughs~~ and insertions indicated by underline.

**SECTION 3.** All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 4.** If any section, part of section, paragraph, clause, phrase or word of this Ordinance is declared invalid, the remaining provisions of this Ordinance shall not be affected.


**SECTION 5.** It is the intention of the Commission of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the City of Coral Gables Code of Ordinances; and that the sections of this Ordinance may be re-numbered or re-lettered to accomplish such intention, and the word “ordinance” may be changed to “section”, “article”, or such other appropriate word or phrase in order to accomplish such intentions.

**SECTION 6.** If the Official Code of the City of Coral Gables Tables of Contents or other reference portions are affected by these provisions, then changes are approved as a part of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 7.** This Ordinance shall become effective upon its passage and adoption herein.


PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TWENTY-FOURTH DAY OF AUGUST, A.D., 2021.  
(Moved: Fors, Jr. /Seconded: Menendez)  
(Yeas: Fors, Jr. Mena, Menendez, Anderson, Lago)  
(Unanimous: 5-0 Vote)  
(Agenda Item: F-2)

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