



City of Coral Gables  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
July 13, 2021

**ITEM TITLE:**

**Ordinance on First Reading.** An Ordinance of the City Commission of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, amending section 101-143(3) "Mitigation of recorded fines" of the City Code to expressly add that a factor to be considered by the City Attorney or designee in mitigating Code Enforcement fines is the number of days during which the City was reviewing submissions for permits or other development approvals, providing for severability, repealer, and codification, and providing for an effective date. (Sponsored by Commissioner Anderson)

**BRIEF HISTORY:**

City Code Sec. 101-143(3) provides that the City Attorney or his or her designee may enter into settlement and fine reduction agreements on behalf of the city. Sec. 101-143(3) includes certain factors to be considered in mitigating, reducing, or eliminating the fine. Even though it is not one of the express factors listed in Sec. 101-143(3), historically, the City Attorney's Office, in attempting to settle matters involving outstanding code enforcement fines, has taken into account any delays in achieving compliance that are attributable to the time taken by the City to review submissions for permits or other developmental approvals.

The proposed ordinance would expressly include such time for review by the City as a factor to be considered by the City Attorney or his or her designee in entering into settlement or fine reduction agreements involve outstanding code enforcement fines.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. Draft Ordinance