



**City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
March 15, 2016**

ITEM TITLE:

Ordinance on Second Reading. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, BY REVISING ARTICLE V (“NOISE”) OF CHAPTER 34 (“NUISANCES”) TO ESTABLISH QUANTITATIVE NOISE LEVEL MEASUREMENTS WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF NOISE; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BRIEF HISTORY:

In order to address noise complaints more effectively, the City wishes to establish quantitative noise level measurements with respect to certain categories of noises. The City also wishes to make changes throughout the Noise Article of the Nuisance Section of the Code in order to make the provisions more clear and consistent throughout. Specifically, the Ordinance amends definitions, establishes decibel levels for mechanical noises and revises exceptions accordingly.

Pursuant to the Commission’s request at the hearing on First Reading, the Ordinance now provides an explicit exemption for noise emanating from emergency backup generators, and it provides additional specificity regarding permissible vocalizations by domesticated animals. The definition of amplified sound has also been clarified, and it has been clarified that amplified noise in the context of special events or parades is governed by Chapter 62, but that other provisions in the noise ordinance shall still apply to other types of noise even in the context of special events or parades.

REVIEWED BY:

City Attorney	City Manager
	

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Draft Ordinance – City Code