



City of Coral Gables  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
June 10, 2025

**ITEM TITLE:**

An Ordinance of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, amending City Code Section 78-101, "Compulsory connection required where sanitary sewer available," to provide for City responsibility for sewer laterals located in the right-of-way under certain conditions; to establish circumstances under which property owners remain responsible for repairs; to establish triggers for mandatory lateral replacement during new construction or substantial improvements; providing for repealer, severability, codification, and an effective date.

**BRIEF HISTORY:**

Section 78-101 of the City Code currently places the full responsibility for the construction, maintenance, and repair of sewer laterals, including those in the public right-of-way (ROW), upon the property owner.

The amendment transfers responsibility for the maintenance and repair of lateral sewer connections located within the public ROW to the City, provided certain safeguards and limitations are adopted to ensure equity and protect City infrastructure.

The amendment updates the City Code to reflect this change and to establish appropriate cost-recovery mechanisms and owner obligations and to require lateral replacement when significant redevelopment or new construction occurs on private property.

Approved on first reading on May 20, 2025.

Changes since 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Added "Gravity" to laterals in 78-101(a) and Deleted (b) and (c) to remove old language that is no longer applicable.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. Draft Resolution

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

| No.  | Amount | Account No. | Source of Funds |
|--|--------|-------------|-----------------|
| 1.   | N/a    | n/a         | n/a             |
| Total:                                     |        |             |                 |
| <b>Fiscal Impact:</b><br>To be determined. |        |             |                 |

**BUSINESS IMPACT:**

Not applicable.