

City of Coral Gables CITY COMMISSION MEETING July 25, 2022

ITEM TITLE:

Ordinance on Second Reading. An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida providing for text amendments to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code, by amending Article 5, "Development Standards," Section 5-1409, "Amount of Required Parking," revising the existing electric vehicle charging requirements for new construction; providing for a repealer provision, providing for a severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date.

DEPARTMENT HEAD RECOMMENDATION:

Approval.

PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD RECOMMENDATION:

The Planning and Zoning Board at their May 11, 2022 meeting recommended approval of the text amendment with a recommendation to include a requirement of handicap spaces with EV capabilities (vote: 5 yes - 0 no).

BRIEF HISTORY:

In January of 2018, the City Commission adopted text amendments to the Zoning Code to require electric vehicle charging stations and infrastructure. In fall of 2018, Tesla and other electric vehicle manufacturers approached the City to consider amending the Zoning Code to specify the appropriate electrical infrastructure. The City Commission increased requirements for electric vehicle charging stations and clarified required infrastructure with Ordinance No. 2019-19.

The City Commission wishes to increase the requirements for electric vehicle charging as the demand for EV vehicles has rapidly increased and the infrastructure required for their use is crucial to their successful operation.

The Planning and Zoning Board on May 11, 2022 voted (5-0) to approve a version of the text amendment which is provided as Attachment D in strikethrough/underline format.

The proposed text amendment drafted is provided in strikethrough/underline format with the red text representing new changes since the Planning and Zoning Board.

The proposed text amendment was approved on first reading on June 28, 2022 and no changes since first reading.

EXHIBIT(S):

- A. 06-28-2022 Draft Ordinance
- B. 05.11.2022 Planning Division Staff report and attachments.
- C. Excerpt of 05.11.2022 Planning and Zoning Board Meeting Minutes.
- D. Draft Ordinance Presented to Planning and Zoning Board