

ITEM TITLE:

Ordinance on First Reading. An ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida, amending the Code of the City of Coral Gables, Florida by amending Article III, "Construction Regulation Board", of Chapter 101 "Administration and Enforcement", providing for enforcement procedures; providing for severability; repealer; codification; and an effective date.

DEPARTMENT HEAD RECOMMENDATION:

Approval.

BRIEF HISTORY:

On July 7, 2015, the City adopted Emergency Ordinance 2015-18, as its unsafe structures ordinance, to address abandoned properties in the City resulting from the foreclosure crisis and structures that are over 40 years old and have not recertified for continued occupancy. This ordinance, in conjunction with an ordinance amending the City's unsafe structures ordinance, will provide an additional tool for the City to address situations where structures are deemed to unsafe. This Ordinance also amends the procedures of the Construction Regulation Board ("Board") to conform to similar provisions in other chapters of the City code.

This ordinance grants the Board the power to hear unsafe structures and to impose code enforcement fines for each day that the violation continues past the date set for compliance; revises the provisions regarding requests for postponement of hearings; expands the reach of the City's lien to mirror the provisions of Chapter 162, Florida Statutes, to include any real and personal property of the violator, regardless of whether the violator owns the property where the violation occurred; and amends the provisions regarding service of required notices to conform to those in the City's code enforcement ordinance.

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