



**City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
January 9, 2018**

ITEM TITLE:

Ordinance on First Reading. Zoning Code Text Amendment. 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 4, "Development Standards," Section 4-201, "Mixed Use District (MXD);" Article 5, "Development Standards," Section 5-604, "Coral Gables Mediterranean Style Design Standards," and "Parking, Loading, and Driveway Standards," Section 5-1409, "Amount of Required Parking" to update the requirements for bicycle parking; 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 11.08.17 meeting recommended approval (vote: 7-0).

BRIEF HISTORY:

The proposed Zoning Code text amendment:

- Updates and clarifies the existing bicycle parking requirements in the Mixed-Use District (MXD) and Mediterranean Style Design Standards to be internally consistent in the Zoning Code
- Provides standards for new construction

The City currently has a successful bike rack program that offers free bicycle racks with installation for any business that submits the request. These bike racks, typically located on the edge of the sidewalk, meet the need for short-term bike parking, such as shopping, dining at local restaurants, or dropping off children at school. The proposed amendment provides requirements for long-term bicycle parking for commuting and recreation.

The proposed amendment implements several goals and objectives outlined in both the Comprehensive Plan and Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan. This text amendment updates and clarifies the current bicycle storage requirements for Mixed-Use District and Mediterranean bonuses to be internally consistent within the Zoning Code. The proposed amendment also provides standards for bicycle storage for new construction.

Many cities and municipalities contain similar provisions for bicycle parking in their zoning codes. This research is provided in the Staff Report as Exhibit B.

At their 11.08.17 meeting, the Planning and Zoning Board recommended approval of the proposed Zoning Code text amendment (vote: 7-0). Staff has incorporated various comments and revised the proposed amendment. The proposed amendment is provided in the draft Ordinance in ~~strikethrough~~/underline format attached as Exhibit A.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

Date:	Resolution/Ordinance No.	Comments
N/A		

OTHER ADVISORY BOARD/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION(S):

Date	Board/Committee	Comments (if any)
11.08.17	Planning and Zoning Board	Recommended approval (vote: 7-0).

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION(S):

Date	Form of Notification
10.30.17	Planning and Zoning Board legal advertisement.
10.27.17	Planning and Zoning Board agenda posted at City Hall.
11.03.17	Planning and Zoning Board agenda, staff report, legal notice and all attachments posted on City web page.
01.05.18	City Commission meeting agenda posted on City web page (1 st reading).

EXHIBIT(S):

- A. Draft Ordinance.
- B. 11.08.17 Staff report and recommendation with attachments.
- C. Excerpts of 11.08.17 Planning and Zoning Board meeting minutes.
- D. PowerPoint Presentation.