

## **ITEM TITLE:**

Ordinance on First Reading. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA AMENDING THE CITY CODE, CHAPTER 58, "SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS," ARTICLE III, "REPAIR OR CONSTRUCTION OF STEETS AND SIDEWALKS", SECTION 58-57 "WORK REQUIRED IN NEW BUILDING CONSTRUCTION AND/OR ALTERATIONS EXCEEDING \$15,000.00 IN VALUE OR EXCEEDING 600 SQUARE FEET IN FLOOR AREA," REVISING THE THRESHOLD TO ACCOUNT FOR INFLATION AND RISING COSTS OF CONSTRUCTION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEALER, AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

## **BRIEF HISTORY:**

The City Commission desires to increase the availability of sidewalks throughout the City in order to improve mobility for people with disabilities, to provide safe routes to schools for all children in the City, and to promote and encourage use of its parks through non-motorized means in a safe and convenient way.

The City Commission realizes that the original thresholds set forth in Ordinance No. 2765, on January 26<sup>th</sup>, 1988, for the requirement of sidewalk construction have not been adjusted over the last three (3) decades to account for inflation and rising costs associated with construction.

The City Commission desires to amend the code to properly address the need for sidewalks throughout the City while being cognizant of the additional financial burden it places on its citizens.

## **ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. Draft Ordinance