

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES ENACTING A MORATORIUM ON CODE ENFORCEMENT AGAINST TREE HOUSES AND RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT NOT VISIBLE FROM THE RIGHT OF WAY AND FURTHER DIRECTING STAFF TO ENGAGE THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD TO DEVELOP A ZONING CODE AMENDMENT THAT DEFINES AND ALLOWS TREE HOUSES IN THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES WITH CERTAIN CONDITIONS AND A ZONING CODE AMENDMENT THAT ALLOWS CERTAIN RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT IN THE REAR AND SIDE SETBACKS.

WHEREAS, Article 8 of the Coral Gables Zoning Code defines recreational equipment as play apparatus such as swing sets and slides, sandboxes, poles for nets, picnic tables, lawn chairs, barbeque stands and similar equipment or structures; and

WHEREAS, Section 5-109 of Coral Gables Zoning Code allows non-movable recreational equipment, including swing sets, jungle gyms, basketball poles etc. in the interior side or rear yard only; and

WHEREAS, the Coral Gables Zoning Code does not define or allow tree houses in the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission seeks to address both recreational equipment and tree houses in the Coral Gables Zoning Code, and make certain allowances for both in the rear and side setbacks of residential properties; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission seeks to halt code enforcement against tree houses and recreational equipment that is not visible from the right of way until the above referenced zoning code amendments go into effect;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES:

SECTION 1. The foregoing "Whereas" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon adoption hereof.

SECTION 2. That the City Commission does hereby enact a moratorium on code enforcement against tree houses and recreational equipment not visible from the right of way and further directs staff to engage the Planning and Zoning Board to develop a zoning code amendment that defines and allows tree houses in the City of Coral Gables with certain conditions and a zoning code amendment that allows certain recreational equipment in the side and rear setbacks.

SECTION 3. That said resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS EIGHTH DAY OF JANUARY, A.D., 2019.
(Moved: Lago / Seconded: Keon)
(Yeas: Mena, Quesada, Keon, Lago, Valdes-Fauli)
(Unanimous: 5-0 Vote)
(Agenda Item: H-2)

APPROVED:



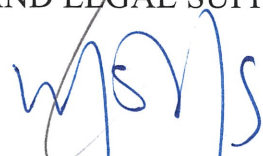
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