



**City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
February 12, 2019**

ITEM TITLE:

Ordinance on First Reading.

An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida, amending section 54-86, Chapter 54, Article III of the City of Coral Gables Code to move “cardboard” from the definition of “household refuse” to the definition of “recyclable material” so that cardboard must be segregated as a recyclable material pursuant to section 54-149; providing for severability, repealer, codification, and an effective date. (Sponsored by Vice Mayor Lago)

BRIEF HISTORY:

The City Code currently includes “cardboard” in the definition of “household refuse” and as a result, cardboard is permitted to be deposited in trash piles to be removed by the city on a weekly basis pursuant to Section 54-156 of the City Code. Section 54-149 of the City Code provides that all recyclable material shall be placed in the household recycling container provided by the city.

As an environmental leader among local governments in the State of Florida, a goal of the City is to facilitate the recycling of materials such as cardboard. The City also has an interest in preserving the aesthetic standards of the City by not allowing cardboard to be deposited in trash pile areas.

The City’s goals can be accomplished by including cardboard under the definition of recyclable materials which would also reduce trash and therefore reduce the City’s tipping fees for the collection of trash. Including cardboard under the definition of recyclable materials would also be consistent with Florida Statutes § 403.706(2)(f).

The proposed ordinance includes cardboard under the definition of recyclable materials so that placing it in a trash pile will constitute a violation of sections 54-149 and/or 54-156 of the City Code, among any other applicable provisions.

The proposed effective date is six months from the date of adoption to allow for an education campaign to inform residents of their responsibilities and upon the effective date, only warnings shall be issued during an additional six month period of the education campaign.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Draft Ordinance