

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-70

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 214 AND HOUSE BILL 85, AN ACT RELATED TO ONSITE SEWAGE TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL SYSTEMS, AND MAKING SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 214 AND HOUSE BILL 85 PART OF THE CITY'S LEGISLATIVE AGENDA.

WHEREAS, Senate Bill ("SB") 214 and House Bill ("HB") 85 would amend section 318.0065, Florida Statutes, related to onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems, also known as septic systems; and

WHEREAS, SB 214 and HB 85 would require the Florida Department of Health ("the Department") to identify all septic systems in the state, including, at a minimum, the location and operational condition of such systems based on available public information; and

WHEREAS, the Department would be required to compile the above stated information into its existing database and furnish a report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, including at minimum, the total number of septic systems in the state, the number of septic systems in each county, and a statewide map of the systems by January 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, SB 214 and HB 85 would require the Department to administer an inspection program and establish standards, procedures, and rules related to the condition and operation of septic systems; and

WHEREAS, property owners would be responsible for paying the cost of the inspection and any required pump-out or replacement pursuant to Department rules; and

WHEREAS, SB 214 and HB 85 contains notice and enforcement provisions; and

WHEREAS, SB 214 and HB 85 would require a seller to disclose, and a buyer to acknowledge, the presence of a septic system on a property before the execution of a contract for the sale of said property; and

WHEREAS, SB 214 or HB 85, if passed as law, will take effect on October 1, 2019;

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 supports Senate Bill 214 and House Bill 85, an act related to onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems, and directs the City Manager to make support of Senate Bill 214 part of the City's legislative agenda.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TWENTY-SIXTH DAY OF FEBRUARY, A.D., 2019.

(Moved: Lago/ Seconded: Mena)

(Yeas: Keon, Lago, Mena, Valdes-Fauli)

(Majority: (4-0) Vote)

(Absent: Quesada)

(Agenda Item: G-4)


APPROVED:

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MAYOR

ATTEST:


BILLY Y. URQUIA
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:


MIRIAM SOLER RAMOS
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