

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA PROVIDING FOR TEXT AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES OFFICIAL ZONING CODE, ARTICLE 2, "DECISION MAKING AND ADMINISTRATIVE BODIES," DIVISION 3, "BOARD OF ARCHITECTS," SECTION 2-302, "MEMBERSHIP; TERMS; VACANCIES; REMOVAL" REMOVING THE TERM LIMITATIONS FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF ARCHITECTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEALER, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, at the request of the City Manager, City Staff is proposing Zoning Code text amendments to remove the eight (8) consecutive year term limitation for Board of Architects members;

WHEREAS, the members of the Board of Architects are appointed by the City Manager, subject to the approval of the Commission;

WHEREAS, after notice was duly published, a public hearing was held before the Planning and Zoning Board on October 16, 2019, at which hearing all interested parties were afforded the opportunity to be heard;

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Board was presented with text amendments to the Official Zoning Code, and after due consideration, recommended approval (vote: 5 to 1) of the text amendment until further review; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing for First Reading was held before the City Commission on October 22, 2019, at which hearing all interested parties were afforded the opportunity to be heard; and,

WHEREAS, the City Commission was presented with a text amendment to the Zoning Code, and after due consideration and discussion, (approved/denied) the amendment on First Reading (vote: __ - __).

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

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 Ordinance upon adoption hereof.

SECTION 2. The Official Zoning Code of the City of Coral Gables is hereby

amended as follows¹:

ARTICLE 2 – DECISION MAKING AND ADMINISTRATIVE BODIES

Division 3. Board of Architects

Section 2-302. Membership; Terms Vacancies; Removal.

A. Membership.

1. The Board of Architects shall be composed of at least seven (7) members who serve as either regular or alternate members, depending on their designation at appointment.
2. The City Manager, subject to the approval of the City Commission, shall appoint all regular and alternate members of the Board of Architects, considering the following qualifications:
 - a. Each member shall have been a registered architect or landscape architect responsible for the design and construction of projects within the City of Coral Gables during the last five (5) years and shall have a minimum of ten (10) years experience in their profession.
 - b. Each member shall either be a resident or have their principal place of business in the City of Coral Gables.

B. Terms. The members of the Board of Architects shall serve at the pleasure of the City Commission. The terms of the members shall be as follows:

1. Two (2) years per term ~~and not more than eight (8) consecutive years.~~
2. The term of the members of the Board of Architects shall be so established that the terms of two (2) members of the Board will expire on June 30 and December 31 of each year, and two (2) new members will be appointed on July 1 and January 1 of each year.

C. Vacancies. Appointments to fill any vacancy on the Board shall be for the remainder of the unexpired term. ~~Appointments to unexpired terms shall not count as part of the term limit.~~

D. Removal. Any member of the Board of Architects may be removed with or without cause by a majority vote of the City Commission. Regular board members shall be automatically terminated for twelve (12) unexcused absences in a twelve (12) month period. Excused absences shall include illness and absence from the City.

SECTION 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. If any section, part of section, paragraph, clause, phrase or word of

¹ Deletions are indicated by ~~strike through~~. Insertions are indicated by underline.

this Ordinance is declared invalid, the remaining provisions of this Ordinance shall not be affected.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the City Commission that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of Ordinance No. 2007-01 as amended and known as the “Zoning Code” of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, which provisions may be renumbered or re-lettered and the word ordinance be changed to “section”, “article”, or other appropriate word to accomplish such intention.

SECTION 6. If the Official Zoning Code of the City of Coral Gables Tables of Contents or other reference portions is affected by these provisions, then changes are approved as a part of this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. This ordinance shall become effective _____, 2019.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, A.D. 2019.

APPROVED:

RAUL VALDES-FAULI
MAYOR

ATTEST:

BILLY Y. URQUIA
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

MIRIAM SOLER RAMOS
CITY ATTORNEY