



Legislation Text

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A Resolution of the City Commission amending Ordinance No. 2015-17, as amended, to revise various local business taxes by the Finance Department, parking fees by the Parking Department, administrative fees by the Development Services Department, and certain parks fees by the Community Recreation Department; providing for severability, and an effective date.

BTR Fees:

On October 1, 1995, the state legislature authorized municipalities to increase local business tax rates by a maximum of 5% once every two years as provided for under Chapter 205.0535 of the Florida Statutes. Since the adoption of this legislation, the City of Coral Gables has increased local business tax rates every two years as authorized. The attached resolution increases each classification by 5% effective for the July 1, 2023, billing of the Fiscal Year 2024 Business Tax Receipts.

Parking Fees:

This increase is part of the planned Parking System Rate increase schedule. It increases on-street parking rates, and surface lot parking rates by \$0.50. Additionally, it changes the garage rates slightly and increases the monthly parking permit rates by \$5.00.

Construction Regulation Board Fees:

The Construction Regulation Board fees need to be updated to cover incremental increases in administrative costs, including investigative costs, attorney's fees and cost of corrective action incurred by the City. Additionally, the fees will be updated to account for the administrative costs associated with subsequent requests by property owners to appear before the Construction Regulation Board.

Parks Fees:

The Parks Fee Schedule is based on a five-year fee plan. Due to the increase in operating costs, effective October 1, 2023, non-resident fees will go up by an additional 5% which will result in a change to the current resident and non-resident fee differential from 25% to 30%. Exception to this are the Tennis membership fees, which due to limited capacity and benchmarking of other tennis centers will increase by 10% for both the resident and non-resident fees. Additional corrections to fees of the Phase 1 preliminary Country Club structure were done to include a couples membership rate, price increases for future years as well as corrections to venue rates from daytime and evening rates to a daily rate. The amended fees will continue to follow the existing fee plan and increase by 5% every other year. Exceptions to this are contractor programs that are dependent of costs of the program to set fees and destination locations that may see greater increases. This greater increase is due to increased demand or the value of the activity in accordance with the fee charged.

Approval