



## Legislation Text

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A Resolution of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida, amending Ordinance 2015-17, as amended, to revise various Local Business Taxes by the Finance Department and Certified Lien Search Statement fees by the City Clerk's Office; providing a severability clause, and an effective date.

On June 16, 2015, the City Commission adopted Ordinance 2015-17 that restated and amended city-wide fees, licenses, permits, services and penalties. Since that time, the City has made periodic updates, which are reflected in this updated Fee Schedule.

In 1995, the state legislature authorized municipalities to increase Local Business Tax (LBT) rates by a maximum of 5% once every two (2) years as provided for under Chapter 205.0535 of the Florida Statutes. The last adjustment to this tax was in 2015. The attached resolution increases most classifications by 5% effective October 1, 2017 (pages 53-81 of Exhibit I). Item number 151000-Landscape Maintenance Contractors rate is being decreased and will have a retroactive effective date to October 1, 2016. The adoption of this fee adjustment would allow reasonable time for computer systems update, staff notification and businesses to make payment before the expiration date of September 30, 2017. The amended local business tax rates will adjust annual revenue by approximately \$160,000.

Certified Lien Search Statement Fees are being increased from \$50.00 to \$75.00 for normal processing (3 business days) and adding a category for expedited processing (within 1 business day) with a fee of \$100.00. The Certified Lien Search Statement fee has not been increased since November 2008. The amended rates will adjust annual revenue by approximately \$55,000.00.