



Legislation Text

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An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida, amending the City of Coral Gables Code by:

- Creating Section 62-137 “Private Sidewalks Adjoining Streetscape Improvements Along Miracle Mile and Giralda Avenue” in Chapter 62, Article IV.

Providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date.

The Miracle Mile and Giralda Avenue Streetscape Project (the “Streetscape Project”) is a public streetscape improvement project that will provide a public benefit. The City determined it was in the best interest of the City to maintain the consistency and continuity of the streetscape improvements by including, as part of the Streetscape Project, the installation of pavers on the private sidewalk areas adjoining Miracle Mile and Giralda Avenue and is entering into grant of easement agreements with property owners to provide for the installation, maintenance, and repair of the private sidewalks.

In order to maintain the consistency of the Streetscape Project improvements, this Ordinance provides that the pavers on the private sidewalks must not be removed or changed by property owners. The Ordinance further provides that a property owner’s obligations to maintain private property in a clean and litter-free condition and to remove any obstructions applies to the private sidewalks, but that the City will provide extensive maintenance on a periodic basis. If additional extensive maintenance or repair is required, the property owner must contact the Director of Public Works to coordinate such maintenance or repair and must obtain a no-fee permit prior to performing any such maintenance or repair. The City would retain the authority to make any repairs to the pavers as necessary to maintain a safe and walkable surface. Finally, the Ordinance provides that Property owners may nonetheless develop their property onto the private sidewalk, subject to all applicable building and zoning codes, administrative reviews, and any restrictions, but must return all pavers that are removed in connection with such development to the City’s Public Works Department.