

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-\_\_**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES CODE, CHAPTER 10 “ANIMALS”, ARTICLE II “DOGS”, SECTION 10-33 “DOGS RUNNING AT LARGE PROHIBITED; LEASHES REQUIRED; PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF ARTICLE” TO ADD AN EXEMPTION FROM THE LEASH PROVISION FOR DOGS WITHIN POSTED AND DESIGNATED OFF-LEASH DOG PARKS AND FACILITIES, PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER PROVISION, SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

**WHEREAS**, the City is working on expanding available and designated off-leash dog parks within the City in both private and public facilities and parks; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to clarify that dogs are not required to be leashed in those specific parks and facilities, the City Commission wishes to amend the City Code; and

**WHEREAS**, any City operated off-leash dog parks or facilities will be clearly signed and designated as such;

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

**SECTION 1.** That 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.** That Chapter 10 “Animals,” Article II “Dogs,” Section 10-33 Dogs running at large prohibited; leashes required; penalty for violation of article” in the City Code of Coral Gables, Florida be amended as indicated below<sup>1</sup>:

**Sec. 10-33. Dogs running at large prohibited; leashes required; penalty for violation of article.**

- (a) No dog, regardless of whether licensed, muzzled, unmuzzled, or inoculated against rabies, shall be allowed upon the public thoroughfares, streets, avenues or alleys, public lands or parks of the city or in public places such as restaurants, theaters, public conveyances and the like, or upon property other than that of its owner or custodian, unless the dog shall be fastened to a suitable leash of dependable strength, not to exceed eight feet in length.
- (b) This section shall not apply to any dog when the dog is actually engaged in the sport of hunting in authorized areas and supervised by a competent person, ~~or~~ to any dog utilized by

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<sup>1</sup> Deletions are indicated by ~~strikethrough~~. Insertions are indicated by underline.

a person who is blind or handicapped, or to any dog present within a posted and officially designated off-leash dog park or facility.

- (c) It shall be unlawful for the owner or any person having the custody of any dog to suffer or permit the same to run at large or beyond the premises of such owner or custodian, without such dog being securely held in leash by such owner or custodian. Such dog shall be considered to be unlawfully at large if it is not also wearing a muzzle in cases where such precaution is necessary to prevent it from behaving in a vicious manner.
- (d) No responsible party owning or having possession, charge, custody, or control of any spayed or neutered dog shall cause, permit, or allow the dog to stray, run, go, or in any manner be at large in or upon public property or the private property of others without the expressed or implied consent of the owner of such property.
- (e) No responsible party owning or having possession, charge, custody, or control of any intact dog shall cause, permit, or allow the dog to stray, run, go, or in any manner be at large in or upon public property, or the private property of others without the expressed or implied consent of the owners of such property.
- (f) Any responsible party who violates any provision of this article shall be punished as provided in section 1-7.
- (g) This section does not apply to dogs used by fire department or law enforcement officials for emergency fire and law enforcement work.

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

**SECTION 5.** It is the intention of the Commission of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made part of the City of Coral Gables City Code; and that the sections of this “ordinance” may be changed to “section”, “article”, or such other appropriate word or phrase in order to accomplish such intentions.

**SECTION 6.** If the City 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 immediately upon passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, A.D. 2022.

APPROVED:

VINCE LAGO  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

BILLY Y. URQUIA  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

MIRIAM SOLER RAMOS  
CITY ATTORNEY