

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA 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.

WHEREAS, the City Commission has determined that fees for various licenses, permits, and services are necessary to recover the City's cost of providing these services; and

WHEREAS, 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.; and

WHEREAS, based on the Parking System Rate increase schedule, it is necessary to increase the Parking rates of on-street parking rates, surface parking lot rates, garage rates and monthly parking permit rates; and

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, the City fees will be updated to account for the administrative costs associated with subsequent requests by property owners to appear before the Construction Regulation Board; and

WHEREAS, 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.

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

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 Resolution upon adoption hereof.

SECTION 2. The City Commission revises the Fee Schedule as detailed in Exhibit I, with changes indicated by underline for new text and ~~striketrough~~ for deleted text.

SECTION 3. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, then said holding shall in no way affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Resolution.

SECTION 4. That said Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TWENTY-THIRD DAY OF MAY, A.D., 2023.

APPROVED:

VINCE LAGO
MAYOR

ATTEST:

BILLY Y. URQUIA
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

CRISTINA M. SUÁREZ,
CITY ATTORNEY