

City of Coral Gables Planning Department Staff Report

To: Planning and Zoning Board Members

From: Planning Department

Date: December 10, 2008

Subject: **Zoning Code Text Amendment – Article 8, “Definitions”**. An Ordinance of the City of Coral Gables amending the Zoning Code, Article 8, entitled “Definitions” to amend the definition of “Family” to reflect the appropriate constitutional requirements; and providing for severability, repealer, codification, and an effective date.

Background

Attached are proposed Zoning Code text amendments requested by the City Attorney regarding the Code’s definition of “Family”. The City Attorney’s Office has provided for the Planning and Zoning Board’s review and information a completed Planning Department Zoning Code Text Amendment Request form, cover memorandum providing background for the amendment and a draft Ordinance containing the specific language in ~~strike-thru~~ / underline format (see Attachments A, B and C).

The City Attorney’s Office will present the proposed amendments to the Board at the meeting and secure input and testimony.

Public Hearing Timeline

This Zoning Code amendment is under the purview of the Planning and Zoning Board and City Commission since it requires public hearing review. Upon recommendations from the Planning and Zoning Board, the proposed text amendments are tentatively scheduled to proceed forward for public hearing before the City Commission as follows:

City Commission, 1st Reading –January 13, 2009, 9:00 a.m.
City Commission, 2nd Reading –February 10, 2009, 9:00 a.m.

The above dates and times are subject to change.

Public Notification

The Planning and Zoning Board meeting agenda has been advertised and posted on the City web page. The Planning Department staff report and attachments are also posted on the City web page.

Respectfully submitted,

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Planning Director

Attachments:

- A. Planning Department Zoning Code Text Amendment Request form.
- B. 11.24.08 City Attorney cover memorandum.
- C. Draft Ordinance.

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