



# City of Coral Gables Planning Division Staff Recommendation

<b>Applicant:</b>	City of Coral Gables
<b>Application:</b>	Zoning Code Text Amendments – Article 2, Division 2 “Planning and Zoning Board” and Division 4, “Board of Adjustment”
<b>City Public Hearing Dates/Times:</b>	Planning and Zoning Board February 15, 2012, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.  City Commission, 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading, February 28, 2012
<b>Location:</b>	City Commission Chambers, City Hall, 405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, Florida, 33134

## Application Request.

The City of Coral Gables is requesting review and consideration of the following:

An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida providing for text amendments to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code, Article 2, Division 2, “Planning and Zoning Board”, Section 2-202, “Membership; Terms; Vacancies; Removal”, and Division 4, “Board of Adjustment”, Section 2-402, “Membership; Terms; Vacancies; Removal”, by removing City Staff as non-voting ex-officio positions on the Planning and Zoning Board and Board of Adjustment; providing for severability, repealer, codification, and an effective date.

## Background Information.

This request is to amend the text of Zoning Code, Article 2, Division 2, “Planning and Zoning Board”, Section 2-202, “Membership; Terms; Vacancies; Removal”, and Division 4, “Board of Adjustment”, Section 2-402, “Membership; Terms; Vacancies; Removal”. Currently, the Zoning Code allows members of City Staff to act as a non-voting ex-officio member of the Planning and Zoning Board and Board of Adjustment.

This amendment was initiated and requested by City Staff. Based on Staff’s research, a non-voting ex-officio member has never been appointed. Therefore, Staff recommends these provisions be removed. City Staff will present the proposed amendment to the Board at the meeting and will secure input and testimony from the Board and public.

**Proposed Zoning Code Text Amendment.**

The proposed Zoning Code text amendment is provided in ~~striketru~~/underline format in Attachment A. A draft Ordinance has been prepared and is provided as Attachment B.

**Public Hearing Timeline.**

The schedule for consideration of the proposed text amendment for 1st Reading before the City Commission will be Tuesday, February 28, 2012.

**Public Notification.**

The following has been completed to provide notice of the request:

Public Notice	
Type	Date
Legal advertisement	02.02.12
Posted agenda on City web page/City Hall	01.31.12
Posted Staff report on City web page	02.10.12

**Staff Recommendation.**

City Staff recommends approval of the following:

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Zoning Code Text Amendment – Non-voting, Ex-Officio Board Positions

Respectfully submitted,



Eric Riel, Jr.  
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City of Coral Gables, Florida

**Attachments.**

- A. Zoning Code text amendments in ~~striketrough~~ / underline format.
- B. Draft Ordinance.