

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-25**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE VACATION OF A PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY PURSUANT TO ZONING CODE ARTICLE 14, "PROCESS," SECTION 14-211, "ABANDONMENT AND VACATIONS" AND CITY CODE CHAPTER 62, ARTICLE 8 "VACATION, ABANDONMENT AND CLOSURE OF STREETS, EASEMENTS AND ALLEYS BY PRIVATE OWNERS AND THE CITY; APPLICATION PROCESS," PROVIDING FOR THE VACATION OF THE SEVENTY (70) FOOT WIDE BILTMORE DRIVE BETWEEN LOTS 1 AND 2 IN BLOCK 25 AND LOT 1 IN BLOCK 27, RIVIERA SECTION PART 1 (757 BLUE ROAD), CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER PROVISION, SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**WHEREAS**, an Application was submitted by the City of Coral Gables Public Works Department (the "Applicant") requesting approval to vacate the remaining portion of Biltmore Drive that is north of the Blue Road traffic circle (757 Blue Road) in Riviera Section Part 1, Coral Gables, Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the proposed vacation is to execute the "Blue Road Open Space" park improvement project at 757 Blue Road with quality landscape design and pedestrian amenities; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with City Code Chapter 62, Article VIII, "Vacation, Abandonment and Closure of Streets, Easements and Alleys by Private Owners and the City; Application Form" requires that the Public Works Department shall review all applications for the vacation of a public right-of-way; and

**WHEREAS**, after notice of a public hearing being duly published and a public notice was mailed to all property owners of record within a one thousand (1,000) foot radius from the said property, a public hearing was held before the Planning and Zoning Board on April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at which hearing all interested persons were afforded the opportunity to be heard; and

**WHEREAS**, at the Planning and Zoning Board's April 10, 2024 meeting, the Board recommended approval of the proposed public right-of-way vacation (vote: 6 - 0); and

**WHEREAS**, after notice of public hearing duly published and notifications of all property owners of record within one thousand (1,000) feet, the City Commission held a public hearing on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at which hearing all interested persons were afforded an opportunity to be heard and this application was approved on first reading; and

**WHEREAS**, after notice of public hearing duly published, the City Commission held a public hearing on June 11, 2024 at which hearing all interested persons were afforded an opportunity to be heard and this application was approved; and

**WHEREAS**, public hearings have been completed by the Coral Gables City Commission in consideration of a request to vacate a public right-of-way as required by the Zoning Code, and including careful consideration of written and oral comments by members of the public;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY 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 the Ordinance upon adoption hereof.

**SECTION 2.** The vacation of the remaining portion of Biltmore Drive that is north of the Blue Road traffic circle (757 Blue Road) in Riviera Section Part 1, Coral Gables, Florida.

**SECTION 3.** That all Ordinances or part of Ordinances inconsistent or in conflict herewith shall be and they are hereby repealed insofar as there in conflict of inconsistency.

**SECTION 5.** This Ordinance shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS ELEVENTH DAY OF JUNE, A.D., 2024.


(Moved: Anderson / Seconded: Fernandez)

(Yeas: Castro, Fernandez, Menendez, Anderson, Lago)

(Unanimous: 5-0 Vote)

(Agenda Item: E-5)

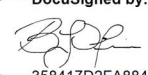
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