

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 5, Division 19, "Signs".** An Ordinance of the City of Coral Gables amending Zoning Code Article 5, Division 19, entitled "Signs", Section 5-1909, "Campaign", by providing for the allowance of campaign or political signs in residential districts, providing the size of campaign and political signs in residential districts, providing for the length of time campaign or political signs are allowed in the City of Coral Gables following elections; and, Article 8, "Definitions", by adding a definition for "political signs" and "campaign signs"; and providing for severability, repealer, codification, and an effective date.

Background

Attached are proposed Zoning Code text amendments requested by the City Attorney regarding campaign signage. 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,

Eric Riel, Jr.
Planning Director

Attachments:

- A. Planning Department Zoning Code Text Amendment Request form.
- B. 11.12.08 City Attorney cover memorandum.
- C. Draft Ordinance.

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