City of West Miami

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AGENDA

SPECIAL CITY COMMISSION MEETING

FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 2025
2:30 PM

City Hall, Commission Chambers
901 SW 62 AVE, 2nd Floor
West Miami, FL 33144

CITY COMMISSION

Mayor Eric Diaz-Padron
Vice-Mayor Natalie Milian Orbis
Commissioner Juan M Blanes
Commissioner Ivan Chavez Jr.
Commissioner Luciano L Suarez

City Manager Edward Silva
City Attorney Dexter W. Lehtinen
City Clerk Annery Gonzalez

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

2. **ROLL CALL**

3. **SPECIAL AGENDA ITEMS**

A) **First Reading:**
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY MODIFICATION OF CHAPTER 12 "PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT", ADOPTED ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 282, SECTION 4.3 "C" USE DISTRICTS, SECTION 4.32-4, "LANDSCAPE OPEN SPACE" TO PROVIDE AN OPTIONAL PAY-IN-LIEU TO A CITY-WIDE TREE TRUST FUND WHERE LANDSCAPE REQUIREMENTS CAN NOT BE MET, AND TO ESTABLISH A CITY OF WEST MIAMI TREE TRUST FUND TO DISBURSE COLLECTED FUNDS TO TREE PLANTING IN THE CITY RIGHTS-OF-WAY, PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT SCHEDULES, DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS, EXPIRATION, ENFORCEMENT AND OTHER APPLICABLE REGULATIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR CORRECTIONS; SEVERABILITY; CONFLICTS; IMPLEMENTATION; AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

B) **A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE EXISTING OPEN-AIR DINING OPERATIONS AT CERTAIN ESTABLISHMENTS LOCATED IN THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI, INCLUDING CERTO RESTAURANT, LATIN AMERICAN CAFETERIA, LATIN AMERICAN BAKERY & CAFE, AND CAFE VIÑALES; ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THESE USES WERE PERMITTED UNDER COUNTY EMERGENCY ORDERS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC; WAIVING SPECIAL USE PERMIT REQUIREMENTS PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE 2004-05 ON AN INTERIM BASIS; PROVIDING FOR STAFF TO STUDY AND RECOMMEND AN UPDATED REGULATORY FRAMEWORK; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

C) **RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI SUPPORTING GOVERNOR RON DESANTIS' EFFORTS IN IDENTIFYING UNNECESSARY SPENDING, CREATING EFFICIENCIES AND SAVING TAXPAYER DOLLARS.** *(Sponsored by Mayor Diaz-Padron)*

D) **A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING CAMPING WORLD CEO MARCUS LEMONIS IN HIS EFFORTS TO AMPLIFY HIS PATRIOTISM THROUGH THE DISPLAY OF THE AMERICAN FLAG; URGING OTHER JURISDICTIONS WHERE CAMPING WORLD OPERATES TO ALLOW AND PROMOTE THE DISPLAY OF THE AMERICAN FLAG; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.** *(Sponsored by Mayor Diaz-Padron)*

E) **A RESOLUTON OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUPPORT AND APPROVE THE NAMING OF THAT PORTION BETWEEN SW 62ND AVENUE TO SW 59TH AVENUE ON SW 11TH STREET AS ALICIA DENIS AND MARGARITA DENIS STREET; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.** *(Sponsored by Mayor Diaz-Padron)*

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

NOTE:

* ANY PERSON, OR PERSONS, WISHING TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE BY THE CITY COMMISSION WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT THIS MEETING OR HEARING, WILL REQUIRE A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDING UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS BASED. INTERESTED PERSONS SHOULD, THEREFORE, TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MADE WHICH CONTAINS THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS BASED. (F.S.286.0105)
* ANY PERSON WISHING TO ADDRESS THE CITY COMMISSION ON ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA SHALL REGISTER WITH THE CITY CLERK PRIOR TO THE ITEM BEING HEARD. PRIOR TO MAKING A STATEMENT, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS FOR THE RECORD.
* ANY PERSON REQUIRING SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE MEETING SHOULD CONTACT THE CITY CLERK AT 305 266-1122, WITH REQUESTS FOR AUXILIARY AIDS OR SERVICES AT LEAST TWO BUSINESS DAYS BEFORE THE MEETING.

ORDINANCE # 2025-

CITY OF WEST MIAMI LANDSCAPE REQUIREMENT PAY-IN-LIEU OPTION AND TREE TRUST FUND

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY MODIFICATION OF CHAPTER 12 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT , ADOPTED ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 282, SECTION 4.3 C USE DISTRICTS, SECTION 4.32-4, LANDSCAPE OPEN SPACE TO PROVIDE AN OPTIONAL PAY-IN-LIEU TO A CITY-WIDE TREE TRUST FUND WHERE LANDSCAPE REQUIREMENTS CAN NOT BE MET, AND TO ESTABLISH A CITY OF WEST MIAMI TREE TRUST FUND TO DISBURSE COLLECTED FUNDS TO TREE PLANTING IN THE CITY RIGHTS-OF-WAY, PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT SCHEDULES, DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS, EXPIRATION, ENFORCEMENT AND OTHER APPLICABLE REGULATIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR CORRECTIONS; SEVERABILITY; CONFLICTS; IMPLEMENTATION; AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit A to the Ordinance Draft Code for First Reading

4.3 "C" USE DISTRICTS (87-04)

4.32-4 Landscaped open space.

The minimum landscaped open space at one story shall be in accordance with the following table:

Size of Total Lot Area	% of Total Lot Area
Up to one acre	18.0%
More than one acre and up to five (5) acres	16.0%
More than five (5) acres and up to twenty-five (25) acres	14.0%
More than twenty-five (25) acres	12.0%

The minimum landscaped open space shall be increased by one and one-half percent (1.5%) for each additional story or part thereof. For the purpose of computing the amount of required landscaped open space where the building height varies, the number of stories shall be equal to the sum of the products of the number of stories of each part of the buildings of a different height times its floor area divided by the sum of the floor area of all parts of the buildings. Said open space shall be extensively landscaped with grass,

trees and shrubbery. Water areas may be used as part of the required landscaped open space provided such water areas do not exceed twenty percent (25%) of the required landscaped open space. The specific areas within enclosed or non-enclosed malls which are landscaped with grass, trees and/or shrubbery, water areas therein, and areas therein with permanent art display may be used as part of the required landscaped open space provided such areas do not exceed ten percent (10%) of the required landscaped open space. Trees shall be provided on the basis of forty (40) trees per acre of required open space, trees being defined as in the landscape regulations, Code of Metropolitan Dade County. This requirement shall be in addition to the requirements of said landscape regulations.

Where the landscape area requirement cannot be met, the owner of the lot may pay an in-lieu amount into the City of West Miami Tree Trust Fund, which is established for the chief purpose of planting trees in the City's rights-of-way, thereby providing the public benefits of landscaping that cannot be implemented on private property, to be established and maintained on public land.

a. The pay-in-lieu amount shall be an annual fee for each City of West Miami Fiscal Year or part thereof, in which the landscape area requirement is not met.
b. The annual fee shall not be prorated for fractions of a fiscal year in which the landscape area requirement is not met.
c. The annual fee shall be in accordance with the following table:

Size of Total Lot Area	Annual Landscape Area In-Lieu Fee Per Each Percent of Landscape Area Requirement That Is Not Met
Up to one acre	$ 50
More than one acre and up to five (5) acres	$ 250
More than five (5) acres and up to twenty-five (25) acres	$1,500
More than twenty-five (25) acres	$2,500

d. Variances for landscape area shall not be approved in the "C" Use District.

Exhibit B to the Ordinance – Draft Code for First Reading

Tree Trust Fund

1. Established. There is hereby established a trust fund to be entitled the "City of West Miami Tree Trust Fund" to be maintained and administered by the City, into which funds shall be deposited and from which funds shall be withdrawn, to pay for: 1) the procurement of replacement trees to restore the loss of tree canopy cover in the City; and 2) to enhance tree canopy coverage and understory vegetation through means which may include, but are not limited to the following activities by the City or its authorized agents.

2. Applicable Expenditure of Funds
   a. Not less than eighty percent (80%) of the City of West Miami Tree Trust Fund shall be expended on tree replacement and restoration and enhancement of tree canopy coverage throughout the City during each fiscal year.
      i. These funds may be used for procurement, planting, and maintenance of new trees and associated understory growth.
      ii. These funds may be used toward matching amounts for grant funding purposed for the restoration and enhancement of tree canopy coverage or habitat restoration and enhancement that results in enhanced tree canopy coverage throughout the City.
      iii. These funds may be used for periodic distribution of saplings and shrubs to the City of West Miami residents to enhance tree canopy coverage on private land in the City.
      iv. If the City Manager determines that there are insufficient reserves in the trust fund to implement a viable tree replacement program in a fiscal year, funds may be carried over to the next fiscal year.

   b. Not more than ten percent (10%) of the City of West Maimi Tree Trust Fund shall be expended during each fiscal year on activities directly related to tree replacement, restoration, and enhancement throughout the City, including:
      i. survey work;
      ii. site inventory and analysis;
      iii. inspection services for new planting;
      iv. landscape architectural design services; and
      v. other related project expenses and incidentals.

   c. Not more than ten percent (10%) of the trust fund shall be expended during each fiscal year to provide training for code inspectors and other pertinent City staff, and for administrative costs. Training shall be directly related to the implementation of this code, including, but not limited to training to properly identify the different tree and palm species and to properly grade the quality standards for new trees and palms, including the knowledge of proper planting, pruning, and landscape maintenance techniques. Administrative costs shall not exceed three percent (3%) out of the ten percent for training and administration.

   d. Allowable City of West Maimi Tree Trust Fund expenditures may be made by the City Manager, except that any Trust Fund expenditures in excess of $25,000 in a fiscal year will require approval by the City Commission.

   e. Prior to the expenditure of funds for the items listed above by the City Manager, consideration is given to the written recommendations from the Director of Development and the Director of Public Works.

f. The staff of the City Department of Development shall maintain records of time and materials expended and tasks conducted with expenditures from the City of West Miami Tree Trust Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1.

That Chapter 12, "Planning and Development," of the City of West Miami Code of Ordinances is hereby amended by modifying Section 4.3 of Zoning Ordinance No. 282, specifically Section 4.32-4 titled "Landscaped Open Space," to include a provision for a **Landscape Requirement Pay-In-Lieu Option**.

Section 2.

A **Tree Trust Fund** is hereby created, to be entitled the **City of West Miami Tree Trust Fund**, into which pay-in-lieu fees shall be deposited when property owners cannot meet minimum landscape open space requirements in the "C" Use District.

Section 3.

The **annual in-lieu payment fee schedule** for each percent of required landscape area not provided shall be as follows:

Lot Size	**Annual In-Lieu Fee per Each Percent Not Met**
Up to one acre	$50
More than one acre and up to five acres	$250
More than five acres and up to twenty-five acres	$1,500
More than twenty-five acres	$2,500

This fee is to be paid each fiscal year or part thereof in which the landscape requirement is not met. The fee shall not be prorated.

Section 4.

The funds collected through the Tree Trust Fund shall be used for:

- Tree replacement and enhancement throughout the City (minimum 80% of annual expenditures).
- Surveying, site analysis, and other project expenses (maximum 10%).

- Training of code inspectors and administrative costs (maximum 10%, of which administrative costs shall not exceed 3%).

Section 5.

Expenditures from the Tree Trust Fund up to $25,000 in a fiscal year may be approved by the City Manager. Any expenditures exceeding this amount require City Commission approval. All expenditures must consider the written recommendations of the Director of Development and Director of Public Works.

Section 6.

The staff of the City Department of Development shall maintain accurate records of time, materials, and tasks funded by the Tree Trust Fund.

Section 7.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 8.

If any section, subsection, clause, or provision of this Ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 9.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage by the City Commission and signature of the Mayor.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ___ day of ___ 2025.

APPROVED:

_____
ERIC DIAZ-PADRON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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ANNERY GONZALEZ, MMC
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

_____
DEXTER W. LEHTINEN, CITY ATTORNEY

ROLL CALL VOTE:

This Ordinance was offered by _____ who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by _____. The vote was as follows:

MAYOR ERIC DIAZ-PADRON _
VICE-MAYOR NATALIE MILIAN ORBIS _
COMMISSIONER IVAN CHAVEZ, JR. _
COMMISSIONER JUAN M. BLANES _
COMMISSIONER LUCIANO L. SUAREZ _

RESOLUTION # 2025-

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE EXISTING OPEN-AIR DINING OPERATIONS AT CERTAIN ESTABLISHMENTS LOCATED IN THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI, INCLUDING CERTO RESTAURANT, LATIN AMERICAN CAFETERIA, LATIN AMERICAN BAKERY & CAFE, AND CAFE VIÑALES; ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THESE USES WERE PERMITTED UNDER COUNTY EMERGENCY ORDERS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC; WAIVING SPECIAL USE PERMIT REQUIREMENTS PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE 2004-05 ON AN INTERIM BASIS; PROVIDING FOR STAFF TO STUDY AND RECOMMEND AN UPDATED REGULATORY FRAMEWORK; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of West Miami recognizes the importance of supporting local businesses and promoting economic development while ensuring public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, Miami-Dade County issued emergency orders permitting open-air dining throughout the County in response to public health concerns and to support the food service industry; and

WHEREAS, several businesses in the City of West Miami, including Certo Restaurant, Latin American Cafeteria, Latin America Bakery & Cafe, and Cafe Viñales, began operating open-air dining in accordance with the County s emergency guidelines; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 2004-05 of the City of West Miami requires a special use permit for open-air dining operations within the City limits; and

WHEREAS, the special use permit process as outlined in the 2004-05 Ordinance was not implemented or enforced during the time of the COVID pandemic emergency orders, and as a result, such permits were not issued for the aforementioned businesses; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager desires to address this issue and bring existing businesses into compliance without disrupting their current operations, and in a manner that is fair, transparent, and protective of both the public interest and private enterprise; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission agrees, that a temporary waiver of the special use permit requirement shall be granted for existing open-air dining operations while the Planning and Zoning Department reviews and updates the open-air dining regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Commission hereby acknowledges the existence of open-air dining operations at Certo Restaurant, Latin American Cafeteria, Latin America Bakery & Cafe, and Cafe Viñales, and recognizes that these uses began pursuant to County emergency orders during the COVID-19 pandemic.

SECTION 2. The City Commission hereby grants an interim waiver of the special use permit requirement as established by Ordinance 2004-05 for the businesses listed in Section 1, provided that such operations comply with all applicable life safety, building, and ADA requirements.

SECTION 3. The Planning and Zoning Department is directed to conduct a review of the City's existing open-air dining regulations and to provide recommendations for updated guidelines, including procedures for permitting, enforcement, and ongoing compliance.

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall not be construed as creating a permanent entitlement for open-air dining and shall remain in effect until such time that revised regulations are adopted or further action is taken by the City Commission.

SECTION 5. If any section, clause, or provision of this Resolution is declared invalid or unenforceable, the remainder shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 6. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ___ day of ___ 2025.

APPROVED:

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ERIC DIAZ-PADRON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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ANNERY GONZALEZ, MMC
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

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DEXTER W. LEHTINEN, CITY ATTORNEY

ROLL CALL VOTE:

This Resolution was offered by _____ who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by _____. The vote was as follows:

MAYOR ERIC DIAZ-PADRON _
VICE-MAYOR NATALIE MILIAN ORBIS _
COMMISSIONER IVAN CHAVEZ, JR. _
COMMISSIONER JUAN M. BLANES _
COMMISSIONER LUCIANO L. SUAREZ _

ORDINANCE #2004 -05

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI, FLORIDA, AMENDING SECTION 4.3 'C" COMMERCIAL USE DISTRICTS;

WHEREAS, all commercial business shall be required to apply for a Special Use Permit for the purpose of allowing outdoor / open air dining.

Open-air café and/or restaurant, delicatessen, bakery or other similar retail food establishment

Sec. 4.32-6 Purpose.

The purpose of this Article is to provide for certain use which cannot be well adjusted to their environment in particular locations and full protection offered to surrounding properties by rigid applications of the District Regulations. These uses are generally found to be essential and desirable for the general convenience and the importance of relationship to the Comprehensive Plan and possible impact on neighboring properties, required the exercise of planning judgment on location and site plan

Open-air dining may be approved as a special use permit for a restaurant, delicatessen, bakery or other similar retail food establishments in a "C" Commercial District subject to the following conditions and restrictions.

(a) Open-air dining operated on private property in conjunction with an established cafe and/or restaurant, delicatessen, bakery or other similar retail food establishment located on private property.

1. That each application for such a use shall be made to the Planning Department for administrative review as a Special Use Permit application before the Planning and Zoning Board with recommendations to the City Commission.

2. That architectural plans, including a site plan, which plans shall show the floor plan, elevation of any structures, setbacks, type of

paving, proposed landscaping, location of refuse containers, all proposed signs and lighting, layout of all tables, chairs, benches and other furniture and pedestrian ingress and egress. In addition to the architectural plans, the applicant shall provide photographic pictures of the area to be used showing surrounding property elevations. (Minimum photo size 8 X 10) Plans shall also be submitted showing the street elevation of buildings on adjacent properties.

3. That the operation of such open-air dining shall not be conducted in such a way as to become a public nuisance and that the operation of such business shall not interfere with the circulation of pedestrian or vehicular traffic on the adjoining streets, alleys or sidewalks. **No music may be played in the outdoor area.**

4. That any open-air dining at a retail food establishment shall be in compliance with all state and local regulations and the applicant shall be required to submit a maintenance plan for review and approval by the City and shall meet all requirements of this section.

5. That the service of patrons of the open-air dining area shall be at tables' only and no-counter service or pass through window shall be permitted

6. That the open-air dining area shall not occupy an area more than thirty (30%) percent of the public indoor area of the primary restaurant operation.

7. That the open-air dining area shall be unenclosed and shall be open except that it may be covered with a professional canvas cover or structural canopy of a buildings arcade, loggia or overhang.

8. That all kitchen equipment used to service the open-air dining area shall be located within the kitchen of the primary restaurant or business.

9. That the open-air dining area shall be kept free from litter, refuse or debris.

10. That in approving open-air dining for a café and or restaurant, delicatessen, bakery or other similar retail food establishment, the Planning Department may prescribe appropriate conditions and safeguards in conformity with the provisions of the Zoning Code.

11. **Violations** of such conditions and safeguards, when made a part of the terms under which the open-air café and/or restaurant is approved, shall be deemed grounds for **revocation** of the special use permit and punishable as a violation of the Zoning Ordinance.

Any administrative decision may be appealed to the Code Enforcement Board

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 1 day of September, 2004

APPROVED

VELIA YEDRA CHRUSZCZ, MAYOR

ATTEST:

FELIX DIAZ, CITY CLERK

Approved as to form and sufficiency

JOSE A. VILLALOBOS, CITY ATTORNEY

Roll Call Vote

Mayor Velia Yedra-Chruszcz	Y
Vice-Mayor Cesar Carasa	Y
Commissioner Eduardo Muhiña	Y
Commissioner Luciano Suarez	Y
Commissioner Juan Blanes	Y

RESOLUTION # 2025 –

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI SUPPORTING GOVERNOR RON DESANTIS' EFFORTS IN IDENTIFYING UNNECESSARY SPENDING, CREATING EFFICIENCIES AND SAVING TAXPAYER DOLLARS. *(Sponsored by Mayor Eric Diaz-Padron)*

WHEREAS, on February 24, 2025, Governor DeSantis signed Executive Order 25-44, Ensuring Government Efficiency;

WHEREAS, the Executive Order establishes within the Office of Policy and Budget in the Executive Office of the Governor a Department of Governmental Efficiency Team ("EOG DOGE Team");

WHEREAS, the EOG DOGE Team is tasked in assisting local governments in helping identify unnecessary spending, eliminating waste, and saving taxpayers money; and

WHEREAS, the City of West Miami recognizes and applauds the efforts of Governor Ron DeSantis and the EOG DOGE Team to identify and eliminate unnecessary and inappropriate spending.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT **RESOLVED** BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI, FLORIDA:

Section 1. The above-stated "whereas" clauses are ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are incorporated into this Resolution.

Section 2. The City of West Miami supports identifying and working to eliminate unnecessary spending, unnecessary programs, mis-aligned grants, and redundant contracts within the City, including those which may be inconsistent with the regulations of this State.

Section 3. The City of West Miami welcomes the efforts of Governor Ron DeSantis and will fully collaborate with the State of Florida's EOG DOGE Team.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption by the City Commission and signature by the Mayor.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ___ day of ___ 2025.

APPROVED:

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ERIC DIAZ-PADRON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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ANNERY GONZALEZ, MMC
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

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DEXTER W. LEHTINEN, CITY ATTORNEY

ROLL CALL VOTE:

This Resolution was offered by _____ who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by _____. The vote was as follows:

MAYOR ERIC DIAZ-PADRON _
VICE-MAYOR NATALIE MILIAN ORBIS _
COMMISSIONER IVAN CHAVEZ, JR. _
COMMISSIONER JUAN M. BLANES _
COMMISSIONER LUCIANO L. SUAREZ _

RESOLUTION # 2025 –

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING CAMPING WORLD CEO MARCUS LEMONIS IN HIS EFFORTS TO AMPLIFY HIS PATRIOTISM THROUGH THE DISPLAY OF THE AMERICAN FLAG; URGING OTHER JURISDICTIONS WHERE CAMPING WORLD OPERATES TO ALLOW AND PROMOTE THE DISPLAY OF THE AMERICAN FLAG; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Marcus Lemonis was born in Beirut, Lebanon, and adopted during infancy by a family in Miami, Florida, where he was raised and developed a deep love for his country and the opportunities it provided him; and

WHEREAS, Marcus Lemonis is a nationally recognized entrepreneur and serves as the Chief Executive Officer of Camping World, the nation's largest RV and outdoor retailer, and is also known for his leadership on the CNBC series The Profit and Streets of Dreams; and

WHEREAS, Camping World locations across the United States prominently feature large American flags as a visible and powerful symbol of patriotism, unity, and appreciation for the freedoms afforded by this nation; and

WHEREAS, Marcus Lemonis has described the display of these flags as a "love letter to America," emphasizing the importance of expressing national pride in a time when unity is needed more than ever; and

WHEREAS, despite facing legal disputes and code enforcement actions from various municipalities—including cities such as Statesville, North Carolina; Sevierville, Tennessee; and others—Camping World has continued to stand firm in its decision to fly large American flags as a matter of principle and patriotism

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1. The City of West Miami hereby expresses its support for Marcus Lemonis and his unwavering commitment to patriotism through the display of large American flags at Camping World locations.

Section 2. The City of West Miami urges all municipalities and local governments—including but not limited to Statesville, North Carolina; Marion, Illinois;

Monticello, Minnesota; and other jurisdictions where Camping World operates—to allow and actively promote the respectful display of the American flag.

Section 3. The City Clerk is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Camping World, Inc., Marcus Lemonis, and the mayors and city councils of the aforementioned cities and any other relevant jurisdictions.

Section 4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ___ day of ___ 2025.

APPROVED:

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ERIC DIAZ-PADRON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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ANNERY GONZALEZ, MMC
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

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DEXTER W. LEHTINEN, CITY ATTORNEY

ROLL CALL VOTE:

This Resolution was offered by _____ who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by _____. The vote was as follows:

MAYOR ERIC DIAZ-PADRON _
VICE-MAYOR NATALIE MILIAN ORBIS _
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RESOLUTION # 2025 –

A RESOLUTON OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUPPORT AND APPROVE THE NAMING OF THAT PORTION BETWEEN SW 62ND AVENUE TO SW 59TH AVENUE ON SW 11TH STREET AS ALICIA DENIS AND MARGARITA DENIS STREET; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *(Sponsored by Mayor Eric Diaz-Padron)*

WHEREAS, Alicia and Margarita Denis are Cuban exiles who relocated to West Miami after initially going to New Jersey; and

WHEREAS Alicia and Margarita Denis lived at 6010 SW 11th Street for 34 years; and

WHEREAS Alicia and Margarita Denis are respected members of the community, known for their dedication to family, culture, and the betterment of those around them, inspiring not only their family but also the broader community;

WHEREAS, Alicia, his grandmother, and Margarita Denis, his aunt, helped raise Armando Christian Perez, known internationally as Pitbull,

WHEREAS, Alicia and Margarita Denis provided Armando Christian Perez with some of his best childhood memories in West Miami.

WHERAS, the home that Alicia and Margarita Denis shared with Armando Christian Perez was fondly named his “Plan Z,” a place where he knew he could always return regardless of any uncertainty in his life and would find comfort and safety.

WHEREAS, the City of West Miami desires to honor the legacy of Alicia Denis and Margarita Denis, the beloved grandmother and aunt of internationally renowned artist Pitbull.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT **RESOLVED** BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI, FLORIDA:

Section 1. The above-stated "whereas" clauses are ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are incorporated into this Resolution.

Section 2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage by the City Commission and signature of the Mayor.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption by the City Commission and signature by the Mayor.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ___ day of ___ 2025.

APPROVED:

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ERIC DIAZ-PADRON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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ANNERY GONZALEZ, MMC
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

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DEXTER W. LEHTINEN, CITY ATTORNEY

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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