

## Lincoln Road – Speaker Regulations

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 142, “ZONING DISTRICTS AND REGULATIONS,” ARTICLE II, “DISTRICT REGULATIONS,” DIVISION 6, “CD-3 COMMERCIAL, HIGH INTENSITY DISTRICT,” BY AMENDING SECTION 142-336 THEREOF, ENTITLED “LINCOLN ROAD REQUIREMENTS,” TO MODIFY REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR SPEAKERS ON LOTS FRONTING LINCOLN ROAD, AND TO ESTABLISH PENALTY AND ENFORCEMENT PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO VIOLATIONS THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, Lincoln Road is a premier street in Miami Beach that provides residents and visitors with a unique cultural, retail, and dining experience; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lincoln Road area is vital to Miami Beach’s economy, especially the tourism industry; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Commission now desire to amend the regulations applicable to interior and exterior speakers at business establishments on lots fronting Lincoln Road; and

**WHEREAS**, the amendments set forth below are necessary to accomplish the objectives identified herein.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA.**

**SECTION 1.** Chapter 142, “Zoning Districts and Regulations,” Article II, “District Regulations,” Division 6, “CD-3 Commercial, High Intensity District,” is amended as follows:

### **CHAPTER 142 ZONING DISTRICTS AND REGULATIONS**

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#### **Article II. – District Regulations**

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#### **Division 6. – CD-3 Commercial, High Intensity District**

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#### **Sec. 142-336. - Lincoln Road requirements.**

The following additional regulations shall apply to the portion of Lincoln Road that is closed to vehicular traffic:

(b) The following requirements shall apply ~~for~~ to the installation or placement of speakers:

(1) Restaurant and sidewalk café uses may only be permitted to place or install exterior speakers if the following conditions have been met:

a. A certificate of appropriateness is granted, in accordance with the applicable requirements of Chapter 118, Article X of this Code.

b. Music or any other sound shall be played at or below ambient volume levels at all times.

c. If a restaurant or sidewalk café use with approved exterior speakers is replaced by a use other than a restaurant or sidewalk café, then all exterior speakers shall be removed.

~~(1) All exterior speakers and interior speakers within the first 20 feet of the boundary facing Lincoln Road or a side street shall be prohibited.~~

(2) ~~Notwithstanding the above, interior~~ Interior speakers may be permitted within the first 20 feet of the boundary facing Lincoln Road or within the first 20 feet of the boundary of a side street, provided, however, that any music or other sound being that is played does not exceed ambient levels. Additionally, music played indoors at a volume above ambient levels must be inaudible from the exterior of the premises at all times.

(3) In the event that the doors of an establishment remain open to the sidewalk, only ambient music shall be permitted within the premises.

(4) No variances shall be granted from the requirements of this section 142-336(b).

(5) ~~All exterior use of speakers, whether or not the speakers are affixed to a property or structure, is prohibited. Except as provided in this subsection (b), no other commercial establishments shall be permitted to place or install exterior speakers.~~

(c) Penalties and enforcement.

(1) A violation of subsection (b) shall be subject to the following civil fines and penalties:

a. If the violation is the first violation, a person or business shall receive a written warning or a civil fine of \$250.00;

b. If the violation is the second violation within the preceding 12 months, a person or business shall receive a civil fine of \$1,000.00;

c. If the violation is the third violation within the preceding 12 months, a person or business shall receive a civil fine of \$2,000.00;

d. If the violation is the fourth violation within the preceding 12 months, a person or business shall receive a civil fine of \$3,000.00; and

- e. If the violation is the fifth or subsequent violation within the preceding 12 months, a person or business shall receive a civil fine of \$5,000.00, and the City shall suspend the business tax receipt.
- (2) Enforcement. The code compliance department shall enforce this section. This shall not preclude other law enforcement agencies from any action to assure compliance with this section and all applicable laws. If a violation of this section is observed, the enforcement officer will be authorized to issue a notice of violation. The notice shall inform the violator of the nature of the violation, amount of fine for which the violator is liable, instructions and due date for paying the fine, that the violation may be appealed by requesting an administrative hearing before a special master within ten days after service of the notice of violation, and that the failure to appeal the violation within ten days of service shall constitute an admission of the violation and a waiver of the right to a hearing.
- (3) Rights of violators; payment of fine; right to appear; failure to pay civil fine or to appeal; appeals from decisions of the special master.
- a. A violator who has been served with a notice of violation must elect to either:
- i. Pay the civil fine in the manner indicated on the notice of violation; or
  - ii. Request an administrative hearing before a special master to appeal the notice of violation, which must be requested within ten days of the service of the notice of violation.
- b. The procedures for appeal by administrative hearing of the notice of violation shall be as set forth in sections 30-72 and 30-73 of this Code. A request for administrative hearing must be accompanied by a fee as approved by a resolution of the city commission, which shall be refunded if the named violator prevails in the appeal.
- c. If the named violator, after issuance of the notice of violation, fails to pay the civil fine, or fails to timely request an administrative hearing before a special master, the special master may be informed of such failure by the code compliance officer. The failure of the named violator to appeal the decision of the code compliance officer within the prescribed time period shall constitute a waiver of the violator's right to an administrative hearing before the special master, and shall be treated as an admission of the violation, for which fines and penalties shall be assessed accordingly.
- d. A certified copy of an order imposing a fine may be recorded in the public records, and thereafter shall constitute a lien upon any real or personal property owned by the violator, which may be enforced in the same manner as a court judgment by the sheriffs of this state, including levy against the violator's real or personal property, but shall not be deemed to be a court judgment except for enforcement purposes. On or after the 61st day following the recording of any such lien that remains unpaid, the city may foreclose or otherwise execute upon the lien.

- e. Any party aggrieved by a decision of a special master may appeal that decision to a court of competent jurisdiction.
- f. The special master shall be prohibited from hearing the merits of the notice of violation or considering the timeliness of a request for an administrative hearing if the violator has failed to request an administrative hearing within ten days of the service of the notice of violation.
- g. The special master shall not have discretion to alter the penalties prescribed in subsection (c)(1).

## **SECTION 2. REPEALER.**

All ordinances or parts of ordinances and all section and parts of sections in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

## **SECTION 3. CODIFICATION.**

It is the intention of the City Commission, and it is hereby ordained, that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made part of the Code of the City of Miami Beach, as amended; that the sections of this Ordinance may be re-numbered or re-lettered to accomplish such intention; and that the word "ordinance" may be changed to "section" or other appropriate word.

## **SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY.**

If any section, subsection, clause or provision of this Ordinance is held invalid, the remainder shall not be affected by such invalidity.

## **SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This Ordinance shall take effect ten days following adoption.

**PASSED** and **ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

ATTEST:

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Dan Gelber  
Mayor

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Rafael E. Granado  
City Clerk

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Second Reading: June 5, 2019

Verified By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Thomas R. Mooney, AICP  
Planning Director

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