

## ALTON ROAD GATEWAY AREA DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS – LDR AMENDMENTS

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

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, BY AMENDING CHAPTER 142, "ZONING DISTRICTS AND REGULATIONS", ARTICLE II "DISTRICT REGULATIONS," DIVISION 5, "CD-2 COMMERCIAL, MEDIUM INTENSITY," SECTION 142-311, TO BE ENTITLED "ALTON ROAD GATEWAY AREA DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS," IS HEREBY AMENDED TO ESTABLISH THE "ALTON ROAD GATEWAY AREA," INCORPORATING THE PROPERTIES BOUNDED BY 8TH STREET ON THE NORTH, ALTON ROAD THE EAST, 5TH STREET/MAC ARTHUR CAUSEWAY/SR A1A ON THE SOUTH, AND WEST AVENUE ON THE WEST, EXCLUDING LOTS 15, 16, AND 17 OF THE AMENDED FLEETWOOD SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 28, PAGE 34, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA; EXPANDING THE LIST OF PROHIBITED USES, MODIFY THE APPLICABLE SETBACKS, PROVIDE FOR CLEAR PEDESTRIAN PATHS, INCREASE THE ALLOWABLE HEIGHT LIMIT FOR MAIN USE RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS, TO LIMIT THE MAXIMUM FLOOR PLATE SIZE OF THE TOWER PORTION OF NEW BUILDINGS, ESTABLISH MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR GREEN SPACE AND GREEN ROOFS, AND MODIFY DESIGN REQUIREMENTS WITHIN THE ALTON ROAD GATEWAY AREA, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, DESIGN REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO BUILDING FLOORS CONTAINING PARKING SPACES; AMENDING CHAPTER 130, "OFF-STREET PARKING," SECTION 130-31, "PARKING DISTRICTS ESTABLISHED," TO MODIFY THE BOUNDARIES OF PARKING DISTRICT NUMBER 6 TO INCORPORATE THE ENTIRE ALTON ROAD GATEWAY AREA; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER; SEVERABILITY; CODIFICATION; AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**WHEREAS**, the entrance to the South Beach neighborhood of the City of Miami Beach via the Mac Arthur Causeway provides an important first impression to residents, guests, and workers; and

**WHEREAS**, the City intends to create an attractive entrance into the City of Miami Beach adjacent to the Mac Arthur Causeway; and

**WHEREAS**, Objective 4, entitled "Open Space," of the Recreation and Open Space Element of the City of Miami Beach 2025 Comprehensive Plan is "To require open space in conjunction with every new public and private sector development project..." and

**WHEREAS**, Policy 4.2, of the Recreation and Open Space Element of the City of Miami Beach 2025 Comprehensive Plan provides that "The Land Development Regulations of the City Code shall continue to provide some open space in conjunction with all new commercial development projects through setbacks or other requirements;" and

**WHEREAS**, the City seeks to encourage development of significant public green spaces for the South Beach neighborhood; and

**WHEREAS**, Policy 5.2, entitled “Pedestrian Safety,” of the Transportation Element of the City of Miami Beach 2025 Comprehensive Plan provides that “The City shall provide curb cuts and barrier free walkways enabling all pedestrians, specific the elderly and handicapped, to cross intersections, safely and easily;” and

**WHEREAS**, Policy 5.8, entitled “Beachwalk and Baywalk Projects,” of the Transportation Element of the City of Miami Beach 2025 Comprehensive Plan provides that “The City shall continue the implementation of the...Baywalk Projects in order to further the City’s vision of having a continuous on grade recreational path...;” and

**WHEREAS**, Objective 10, entitled “Public Shoreline Access,” of the Transportation Element of the City of Miami Beach 2025 Comprehensive Plan provides that “Increase the amount of public access to the beach or shoreline consistent with the estimated public need;” and

**WHEREAS**, the City seeks to find creative ways to improve the pedestrian environment of the South Beach Neighborhood; and

**WHEREAS**, the City seeks to Enhance public access to Biscayne Bay; and

**WHEREAS**, there are existing non-conforming structures adjacent to the Mac Arthur Causeway and its ramps which create blight and negatively impact surrounding areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the City seeks to encourage the removal of existing non-conforming structures within the boundaries of the Alton Road Gateway area; and

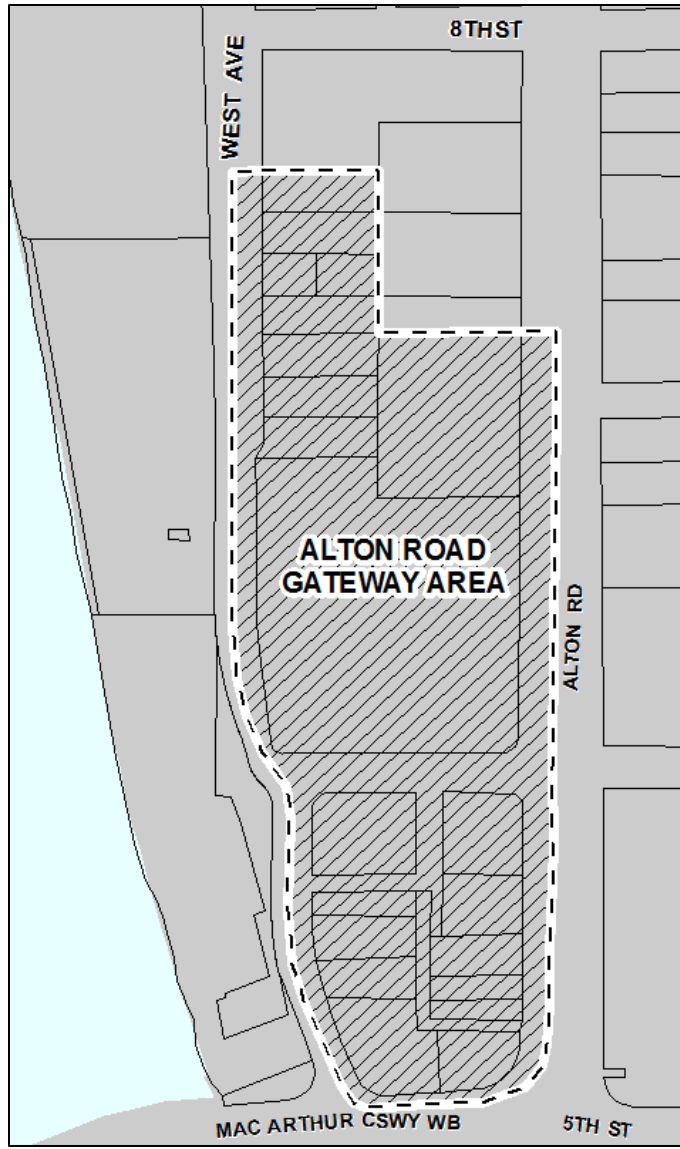
**WHEREAS**, the amendments set forth below are necessary to accomplish all of the above objectives.

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

**SECTION 1.** That Chapter 142, Article II, Chapter 142, "Zoning Districts And Regulations", Article II "District Regulations," Division 5, “CD-2 Commercial, Medium Intensity,” Section 142-311, is hereby amended as follows:

**Sec. 142-311 – Alton Road Gateway Area Development Regulations.**

- (a) The Alton Road Gateway Area incorporates the parcels bound by 8th Street on the north, Alton Road the east, 5th Street/Mac Arthur Causeway/SR A1A on the south, and West Avenue on the west; excluding lots 15 through 22 of the Fleetwood Subdivision, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 28, page 34, of the public records of Miami-Dade County, Florida; as depicted in the map below:



- (b) The following regulations shall apply to the properties located within the Alton Road Gateway Area; where there is conflict within this division, the regulations below shall apply:
- (1) **Prohibited uses.** In addition to the prohibited uses identified in section 142-305, the following uses shall also be prohibited: pawnshops, secondhand dealers of precious metals/precious metals dealers, check cashing stores, convenience stores, occult science establishments, souvenir and t-shirt shops, and tattoo studios.
  - (2) **Setbacks.** The setbacks established in section 142-307 are modified as follows:
    - a. Minimum setback from Alton Road: 10 feet for residential and non-residential buildings.
    - b. Minimum setback from West Avenue: 35 feet.

c. Minimum setback from 5th Street/Mac Arthur Causeway: 20 feet.

(3) **Clear Pedestrian Path.** A minimum 10 foot wide “clear pedestrian path,” free from obstructions, including but not limited to outdoor cafes, sidewalk cafes, landscaping, signage, utilities, and lighting, shall be maintained along all frontages as follows:

a. The “Clear Pedestrian Path” may only utilize public sidewalk and setback areas.

b. Pedestrians shall have 24-hour access to “Clear Pedestrian Paths.”

c. Clear Pedestrian Paths shall be well lit and consistent with the City’s lighting policies.

d. Clear Pedestrian Paths shall be designed as an extension of the adjacent public sidewalk.

e. Clear Pedestrian Paths shall be delineated by in-ground markers that are flush with the Path, differing pavement tones, pavement type, or other method to be approved by the Planning Director or designee.

f. An easement to the city providing for perpetual public access shall be provided for portions of Clear Pedestrian Paths that fall within the setback area.

(4) **Height.** The maximum height for main use residential buildings: 560 feet.

(5) **Floor plate.** The maximum floor plate size for the tower portion of a building is 17,500 square feet, including balconies, per floor.

(6) **Residential Buildings Containing Parking South of 6<sup>th</sup> Street.** Main use residential buildings containing parking, located south of 6<sup>th</sup> Street are not required to provide residential or commercial uses at the first level along every façade facing a street or sidewalk as required in section 142-308(a); however, the first level shall be architecturally treated to conceal parking, loading, and all internal elements, such as plumbing pipes, fans, ducts, and lighting from public view.

(7) **Green space.** A minimum of 40 percent of the lot area shall remain as green space. Green space shall mean open areas that are free from buildings, parking, or underground structures. Such areas shall consist primarily of landscaped open areas, pedestrian and bicycle pathways, plazas, playgrounds, and other recreational amenities. Such green space shall be open to the public at a minimum between the hours of 7 AM and 9 PM.

(8) **Green roofs.** Green roofs shall be required on non-residential buildings and over surface parking lots. Such green roofs shall be open to the public at a minimum between the hours of 7 AM and 9 PM and accessible from the required “green space.”

**SECTION 3.** That Chapter 130, "Off-Street Parking," Article II, "Districts; Requirements," Section 130-31, "Parking districts established" is hereby amended as follows:

**Sec. 130-31. - Parking districts established.**

- (a) For the purposes of establishing off-street parking requirements, the city shall be divided into the following parking districts:

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- (1) *Parking district no. 6.* Parking district no. 6 includes those properties between Alton Court (alley) and Lenox Court (alley) or with a lot line on Alton Road, where an alley does not exist, from 5 Street on the south to Dade Boulevard on the north, with the exception of properties included in parking district no. 2, as depicted in the map below:



**SECTION 4. CODIFICATION.**

It is the intention of the Mayor and City Commission of the City of Miami Beach, 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, Florida. The sections of this ordinance may be renumbered or re-lettered to accomplish such intention, and, the word "ordinance" may be changed to "section", "article", or other appropriate word.

**SECTION 5. REPEALER.**

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY.**

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

**SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This Ordinance shall take effect ten days following adoption.

**PASSED and ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

**ATTEST:**

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Dan Gelber, Mayor

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Rafael E. Granado City Clerk

First Reading: \_\_\_\_\_, 2018

Second Reading: \_\_\_\_\_, 2018

(Sponsor: Mayor Dan Gelber)

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

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~~Strikethrough~~ denotes removed language

