Height Limits for Office Uses - Sunset Harbour Neighborhood

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," AT DIVISION 5, "CD-2 COMMERCIAL, MEDIUM INTENSITY DISTRICT," SECTION 142-306, "DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS," TO ALLOW FOR ADDITIONAL HEIGHT AND ESTABLISH DEVELOPMENT CRITERIA FOR OFFICE DEVELOPMENTS LOCATED IN THE SUNSET HARBOUR NEIGHBORHOOD; AND PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, REPEALER, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Sunset Harbour neighborhood is generally bounded by Purdy Avenue to the west, 20th Street and the waterway to the north, Alton Road to the east, and Dade Boulevard to the south; and

WHEREAS, Sunset Harbour is a neighborhood that has successfully evolved from a primarily industrial neighborhood into a vibrant mixed-use residential neighborhood that is characterized by its unique combination of residential, commercial, and industrial uses;

WHEREAS, economic trends indicate that demand has increased for Class A office space within the City as businesses relocate from other states to Miami Beach; and

WHEREAS, Class A office space tends to require higher floor-to-ceiling heights than other classes of office space; and

WHEREAS, the development of Class A office space will promote the growth, diversification, and resiliency of the City's economy; and

WHEREAS, the proposed changes are intended to serve as the initial implementation of a broader Sunset Harbour neighborhood vision plan, creating updated development regulations within the Sunset Harbour neighborhood to reflect current market conditions and the unique identity of the neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, that certain block bounded by Dade Boulevard on the south, Purdy Avenue on the west, 18th Street on the north, and Bay Road on the east in the Sunset Harbour neighborhood is an appropriate and strategic location for Class A office space due to its accessibility to the regional transportation network, and parking facilities; and

WHEREAS, the proposed changes are necessary in order to promote the development of Class A office space within the City; 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. Chapter 142, "Zoning Districts and Regulations," Article II, "District Regulations," Division 5, "CD-2 Commercial, Medium Intensity District," is hereby amended as follows:

CHAPTER 142. ZONING DISTRICTS AND REGULATIONS

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ARTICLE II. DISTRICT REGULATIONS

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DIVISION 5. CD-2 COMMERCIAL, MEDIUM INTENSITY DISTRICT

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Sec. 142-306. Development regulations.

(a) The development regulations in the CD-2 commercial, medium intensity district are as follows:

Maximum	Minimum	Minimum	Minimum	Average	Maximum
Floor	Lot Area	Lot	Apartment	Apartment	Building
Area	(Square	Width	Unit Size	Unit Size	Height
Ratio	Feet)	(Feet)	(Square Feet)	(Square Feet)	(Feet)
1.5	None	None	New construction—550 Rehabilitated buildings—400 Non-elderly and elderly low and moderate income housing—400 Workforce housing—400 Hotel unit: 15%: 300—335; 85%: 335+ For contributing hotel structures located within the Collins Park District, generally bounded by the erosion control line on the east, the east side of Washington Avenue on the west, 23rd Street on the north, and 17th Street on the south, hotel units shall be a minimum of 200 square feet. For contributing hotel structures, located within an individual historic site, a local historic district or a national register district, which are being renovated in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior Standards and Guidelines for the Rehabilitation of Historic Structures as amended, retaining the existing room configuration shall be permitted, provided all rooms are a minimum of 200 square feet. Additionally, existing room configurations for the above described hotel structures may be modified to address applicable life-safety and accessibility regulations, provided the 200 square feet	New construction— 800 Rehabilitated buildings—550 Non-elderly and elderly low and moderate income housing—400 Workforce housing—400 Hotel units—N/A. The number of units may not exceed the maximum density set forth in the comprehensive plan.	50 (except as provided in section 142-1161). Notwithstanding the above, the design review board or historic preservation board, in accordance with the applicable review criteria, may allow up to an additional five feet of height, not to exceed a maximum height of 55 feet. In order to utilize the additional height, the first floor shall provide at least 12 feet in height, as measured from the base flood elevation plus maximum freeboard, to the top of the second floor slab. Self-storage warehouse - 40 feet, except that the building height shall be limited to 25 feet within 50 feet from the rear property line for lots abutting an alley; and within 60 feet from a residential district for blocks with no alley. Mixed-use and commercial buildings that include structured parking for properties on the west side of Alton Road from 6th Street to Collins Canal - 60 feet. For developments in the Sunset Harbour neighborhood that (i) consist solely of office use above the ground level of the structure, and (ii) are located on lots with a minimum lot size of 10,000 square feet, and (iii) are located within the area bounded by Dade Boulevard on the west, 18th Street

	minimum unit size is maintained, and provided the maximum occupancy per hotel room does not exceed 4 persons. In addition, the minimum hotel unit size for a property formerly zoned HD is 250 square feet, provided that the property does not exceed 25,000 square feet as of March 23, 2019. Hotel units within rooftop additions to contributing structures in a historic district and individually designated historic buildings—200.	on the north, and Bay Road on the east - 65 feet, provided that a full building permit for a tower pursuant to this Section must be issued no later than December 31, 2022, and provided that residential and hotel uses may be permitted on such properties up to a maximum FAR of 2.0 pursuant to Section 142- 307(d)(1), but only if the first 1.5 FAR of development is dedicated to office use and ground floor commercial use.
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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 _____, 2021.

Dan Gelber, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LANGUAGE AND FOR EXECUTION

City Attorney

NK Date

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

First Reading: February 10, 2021 Second Reading: March 17, 2021

Verified By: _

ATTEST:

Thomas R. Mooney, AICP Planning Director

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