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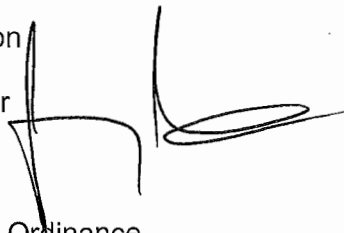
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OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

LTC NO. 185-2013

## LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Matti Herrera Bower and  
Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager 

DATE: May 28, 2013

SUBJECT: City of Coral Gables Demolition Ordinance

Attached, please find a copy of a resolution adopted by the Historic Preservation Board at their May 14, 2013 meeting. The Board is urging the Mayor and City Commission of the City of Miami Beach to consider adopting a demolition ordinance for single family residences, as similar as possible to the City of Coral Gables Ordinance, which requires review of total demolition requests for any structure 50 years of age or older, by the City's Historic Preservation Officer, in order to determine if the structure should be brought to the Historic Preservation Board for Historic Designation consideration.

Please advise if you would like this matter scheduled for an upcoming Land Use and Development Committee meeting.

Attachment (1)

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C: Jorge G. Gomez, Assistant City Manager  
Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk  
Richard Lorber, Acting Planning Director  
Gary Held, First Assistant City Attorney

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**CITY OF MIAMI BEACH  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD**

***RESOLUTION***

**WHEREAS**, the City of Miami Beach Historic Preservation Board is charged by Ordinance as serving in an advisory capacity to the City Commission and other City Boards on issues affecting the City's architecture, design, historic districts and structures; and

**WHEREAS**, the Historic Preservation Board strongly supports the efforts of the City to promote and enhance its unique social and architectural history and to improve the appearance of new construction; and

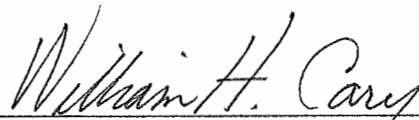
**WHEREAS**, the City of Miami Beach (City) places a strong emphasis on the retention and preservation of existing, architecturally significant single family homes; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Miami Beach Historic Preservation Board deems it appropriate to protect the significant architectural history, existing building scale, and unique character of the single family residential neighborhoods in Miami Beach; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Miami Beach Historic Preservation Board as well as many local residents have noted with alarm the increasing rate of total demolition of significant homes for replacement with much larger new homes.

**THEREFORE**, it is hereby resolved that the Historic Preservation Board urges the Mayor and City Commission to consider adopting a demolition ordinance for single family residences, as similar as possible to the City of Coral Gables Ordinance, which requires review of total demolition requests for any structure 50 years of age or older, by the City's Historic Preservation Officer, in order to determine if the structure should be brought to the Historic Preservation Board for Historic Designation consideration.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 14<sup>th</sup> DAY OF May, 2013.



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William H. Cary  
Assistant Director of Planning  
For the Historic Preservation Board