



RESOLUTION 2025 - 19

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI, FLORIDA, RELATING TO LANDSCAPING; SUPPORTING FLORIDA-FRIENDLY LANDSCAPING ON CITY-OWNED PROPERTIES, PARKS, AND ENCOURAGING ITS USE IN LARGE-SCALE DEVELOPMENTS TO IMPROVE GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY AND REDUCE WASTE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Sponsored by Vice-Mayor Milian Orbis)

WHEREAS, Florida-Friendly Landscaping (FFL) promotes sustainable, low-maintenance landscapes that conserve water, protect the environment, and are adaptable to local conditions; and

WHEREAS, municipalities such as **Miami-Dade County, North Miami Beach, Hialeah, and Alachua County** are successfully incorporating Florida-Friendly Landscaping into public spaces, rights-of-way, and parks, leading to **reduced maintenance costs, lower water consumption, and improved environmental resilience**; and

WHEREAS, implementing FFL on **city-owned properties, including parks and public spaces**, will enhance **government efficiency by reducing the need for frequent irrigation, minimizing reliance on chemical fertilizers and pesticides, and lowering overall maintenance costs**, benefiting both the City and its residents; and

WHEREAS, transitioning to Florida-Friendly Landscaping will help **reduce unnecessary government spending** on water usage, landscaping upkeep, and chemical treatments, allowing those savings to be redirected toward other essential services; and

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

Section 1: Implementation on City-Owned Properties and Parks

The City of West Miami shall incorporate Florida-Friendly Landscaping principles in the design, renovation, and maintenance of all city-owned properties, including parks, green spaces, and public rights-of-way, where and whenever feasible, to reduce government waste and improve efficiency.

Section 2: Funding and Feasibility

The City Manager shall identify funding sources, including grants and partnerships, to support the implementation of Florida-Friendly Landscaping on city properties, parks, and public

education efforts while ensuring that cost savings from reduced water use and maintenance are tracked and reinvested into city services after implementation.

Section 3: Implementation

The implementation of Florida-Friendly Landscaping by the City should be done strategically and cost-effectively, ensuring that it is incorporated when new planting is already planned, such as for the recreation center, new city developments, or routine landscaping replacements. This initiative should not incur additional costs to the City, nor should it result in the removal of viable existing landscaping. Instead, Florida-Friendly principles should be prioritized in future plant selection and maintenance, ensuring a gradual, fiscally responsible transition that enhances sustainability without disrupting current city resources or budgets.

Section 4: Effective Date

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of April 2025.

APPROVED:



ERIC DIAZ-PADRON, MAYOR

ATTEST:



**ANNERY GONZALEZ, MMC
CITY CLERK**

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



DEXTER W. LEHTINEN, CITY ATTORNEY

ROLL CALL VOTE:

This Resolution was offered by Vice-Mayor Milian-Orbis, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Chavez, Jr. The vote was as follows:

MAYOR ERIC DIAZ-PADRON	<u>Y</u>
VICE-MAYOR NATALIE MILIAN ORBIS	<u>Y</u>
COMMISSIONER IVAN CHAVEZ, JR.	<u>Y</u>
COMMISSIONER JUAN M. BLANES	<u>Y</u>
COMMISSIONER LUCIANO L. SUAREZ	<u>Y</u>