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## Palmetto Bay & Coral Gables: Love Thy Neighbor

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***Palmetto Bay is asking Coral Gables to rescind unconstitutional ordinance allowing the city to issue municipal code violations within the Village.***

**PALMETTO BAY, FL** - Neighbors, is it okay for your Palmetto Bay property to be cited with a code violation and possibly fined by a neighboring city? We don't think so. The City of Coral Gables has unlawfully passed an emergency ordinance that allows them to issue code violations to neighboring properties, even those outside city limits, for failure to eliminate a mosquito infestation. According to the ordinance that passed first reading, property owners in Palmetto Bay may be fined up to \$500 a day, plus attorney's fees or may be subject to imprisonment for up to 60 days, if found to be in violation of the Coral Gables City Code.

Your Village Council went to work and is calling for immediate action from the City of Coral Gables. At the February 16 Special Council Meeting, on a 4-0 vote, the Mayor and three district Councilmembers, agreed to provide Coral Gables one week to either rescind the ordinance or agree to abate the fines incurred on Palmetto Bay properties. If no such action is taken, the Village will be forced to take legal action against the Coral

Gables ordinance.

The first warning has already been issued to a property on Coral Reef Drive and SW 67th Ave. On February 22 at 9 am, the Village Council will meet with Coral Gables officials at the property site (6525 SW 152nd Street) to address the issue. This is a public meeting and we are urging residents to attend and support the action your Village Council is taking to protect residents and to defend the Village's right to govern itself.

Palmetto Bay is already working diligently to keep residents safe from mosquitoes and mosquito-borne illnesses. Village personnel in both, Public Services and Code Enforcement, are inspecting your neighborhoods to eliminate breeding sites for mosquitoes and eliminating the potential risk factors proactively. To see what your Village is doing to protect you from mosquitoes, visit our [website](#).

### ***Village of Palmetto Bay***

Palmetto Bay is a vibrant community of more than 24,000 residents who enjoy beautiful surroundings and a family-oriented atmosphere. Situated on the shore of Biscayne Bay, Palmetto Bay offers quick access to unique recreational opportunities and amazing bay vistas. Additionally, the Village is home to excellent schools and parks. Please visit our [website](#)

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