



## Town of Miami Lakes Memorandum

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**To:** Honorable Mayor & Councilmembers  
**From:** Honorable Councilmember Josh Dieguez  
**Subject:** Green Building Code  
**Date:** January 21, 2020

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### **Recommendation:**

Miami Lakes has long been known for pursuing environmentally friendly initiatives geared at conserving our natural resources and protecting the environment for future generations to enjoy. Some of these initiatives include conversion to LED lighting, building Town Hall in accordance with LEED standards, joining the PACE program, and adopting SolSmart compliant standards into our Zoning Code.

I propose that we continue to advance these efforts by adopting a “Green Building Code” in substantially similar form as the one adopted by Coral Gables—a copy of which is attached. The thrust of the Coral Gables ordinance is that developments of a certain size must comply with LEED Silver Certification standards. A copy of these requirements is also included for your review. Adopting similar requirements into our Building Code will ensure that large scale development projects do their part to help offset their negative environmental impacts.

I urge my colleagues to join me in keeping Miami Lakes an environmentally friendly community by voting yes on this proposal.

Fiscal Impact: Minimal  
Funding Source for Implementation: General Fund  
Timeline for Implementation: 6 months

Guiding Principles: 1, 6, 8, 14  
Objectives: 4, 6

Attachments:

City of Coral Gables Ordinance No. 2016-29

Green Building Leadership is LEED Article