

# Memorandum



**Date:** June 30, 2009

**To:** Honorable Chairman Dennis C. Moss  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

Agenda Item No. 8(N)(1)(D)

**From:** George M. Burgess  
County Manager

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Burgess", written over the printed name of George M. Burgess.

**Subject:** Historic Preservation Ad Valorem Tax Exemption for  
1024 Asturia Avenue, Coral Gables, Florida

## **Recommendation**

It is recommended that pursuant to the provisions of Florida Statute Section 196.1997 and 196.1998 and Dade County Ordinance 16A-18 that the Board approves the resolution for the Ad Valorem Tax Exemption for the property located at 1024 Asturia Avenue, Coral Gables, FL.

## **Scope**

Impact of the agenda item is countywide and does not have a separate impact upon one or more commission districts.

## **Fiscal Impact**

Annual taxes to be foregone if this Historic Preservation Exemption application is granted are estimated at \$72 (see the attached "Revenue Implications Report" provided by the Property Appraiser).

## **Track Record/Monitor**

County Historic Preservation staff or the Preservation Officer of the municipality in which the property is located will conduct periodic reviews of the property to insure that the improvements are maintained for the duration of the tax abatement.

## **Enabling Legislation**

In 1993, the State legislature approved Tax Exemptions for historic properties; and enabled local governments the option to provide property tax exemption for historic properties.

The purpose of this legislation is to encourage historic preservation by offering an economic incentive to those property owners who take on the responsibility of restoring and maintaining a designated historic structure. The exemption is not for the entire assessed value of the property. The tax exemptions are calculated from what the value of the renovations to the historic property were, and only apply to Miami-Dade County's portion of the taxes.

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All applicants must meet certain criteria as set forth by the Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources in order for a tax exemption to be allowed, such as:

- Certification, by the applicable preservation board, that the property has been designated historic
- Certification, by the applicable preservation board, that the property has received approval for the improvements.
- Determination, by the applicable preservation board, that the planned improvements are consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.

### **Duration**

The tax exemption takes effect on January 1 following substantial completion of the improvement and extends for a ten-year period. Failure by the owners to adhere to these standards would result in revocation of the exemption.

### **Project Details**

The residence located at 1024 Asturia Avenue is a local historic landmark within the City of Coral Gables. The residence was designed by one of the preeminent designers of Coral Gables, Walter De Garmo in 1923 as "Cottage No. 205."

The project involved renovation work to the historic cottage and the construction of single car garage addition.

The property located at 1024 Asturia Avenue meets the criteria set forth by the State of Florida. Both the City of Coral Gables Preservation Board and the Miami-Dade County Historic Preservation Board have approved this application for the tax exemption.

### **Submittal Dates**

Part I and Part II of the application was received by county historic preservation staff in January of 2008. Both Part I and Part II of the application were "completed" (authorized by the local historic preservation officer) and submitted in March of 2008. The county's Historic Preservation Board approved the project in July of 2008 and the owner submitted a signed covenant of agreement in September of 2008. The Property Appraiser submitted the Revenue Implications worksheet in November of 2008.

Attachments



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Alex Muñoz  
Assistant County Manager



**MEMORANDUM**  
(Revised)

**TO:** Honorable Chairman Dennis C. Moss  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** June 30, 2009

**FROM:**   
R. A. Cuevas, Jr.  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Agenda Item No. 8(N)(1)(D)

Please note any items checked.

- "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised
- 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- Budget required
- Statement of fiscal impact required
- Bid waiver requiring County Mayor's written recommendation
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
- No committee review

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor  
Veto \_\_\_\_\_  
Override \_\_\_\_\_

Agenda Item No. 8(N)(1)(D)

6-30-09

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION FOR THE  
REHABILITATION OF 1024 ASTURIA AVENUE, CORAL  
GABLES, FLORIDA PURSUANT TO SECTION 196.1997, AND  
196.1998 FLORIDA STATUTE AND SECTION 16A-18,  
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY CODE

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Legislature has authorized counties and local governments to grant tax exemptions to historic properties for the incremental value added by approved restoration work, provided that the owner covenants to maintain the historic nature of the property during the term of the tax exemption; and Miami-Dade County has enacted enabling legislation to provide such exemption, codified at section 16A-18, Miami-Dade County code; and

**WHEREAS**, 1024 Asturia Avenue, Coral Gables, Florida is a local historic landmark property designated by the City of Coral Gables; and

**WHEREAS**, the Miami-Dade County Historic Preservation Board recommended that the exemption be allowed and certified to the Board of County Commissioners that 1024 Asturia Avenue, Coral Gables, Florida is a designated historic property within Coral Gables and that the proposed improvements are consistent with the United States Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and meet the criteria established in the rules adopted by the Department of State; and

**WHEREAS**, the property owner(s) have executed the necessary covenant, which is attached and made part of this resolution,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,** that this Board finds that this property meets the requirements of section 16A-18, Miami-Dade County code and therefore the application for a historic preservation tax exemption, pursuant to those provisions, is hereby granted to Rand W. Smith and Alainz S. Greenberg as the owners of 1024 Asturia Avenue, Coral Gables, Florida. The owners shall have recorded the original of the attached covenant with the deed for the property in the official records of Miami-Dade County and Miami-Dade County hereby accepts the covenant. The exemption shall run for ten years beginning on January 1st following substantial completion of the improvements. The County Mayor or County Mayor's designee is hereby authorized and directed to sign the attached covenant on behalf of Miami-Dade County. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or provision of this resolution is held invalid, the remainder of this resolution shall not be affected by such invalidity.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| Dennis C. Moss, Chairman        |                    |
| Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Vice-Chairman |                    |
| Bruno A. Barreiro               | Audrey M. Edmonson |
| Carlos A. Gimenez               | Sally A. Heyman    |
| Barbara J. Jordan               | Joe A. Martinez    |
| Dorin D. Rolle                  | Natacha Seijas     |
| Katy Sorenson                   | Rebeca Sosa        |
| Sen. Javier D. Souto            |                    |

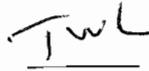
The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2009. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BY ITS BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

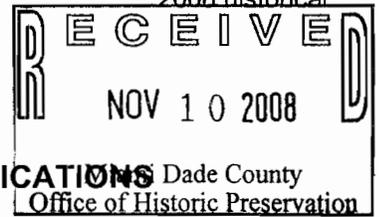
HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.



Thomas W. Logue



**HISTORIC PRESERVATION EXEMPTION  
PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENTS / REVENUE IMPLICATIONS**

Property Address: 1024 Asturia Ave  
Folio # 03-4107-014-0780

	2008 Estimate
1. Total Value of the Property	\$804,489
2. Value of the Improvements to the Property (The change in value due to the renovation as determined by the Property Appraiser):	\$15,665
3. Summary of annual taxes levied on these improvements ( Taxes = value change x 2007 millage):	\$306
a) Countywide Operating	\$72
b) Unincorporated Municipal Service Area	\$0
c) Debt Service	\$4
d) City Operating	\$82
e) All other property taxes	\$147
	\$306 Total taxes

**County Revenue Implications**

Annual taxes to be foregone if this Historic Preservation  
Exemption application is granted (estimate).

a) County	\$72
b) UMSA	\$0

Date: 11/10/2008

Signed: *Man Singh*  
Property Appraiser

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ZONING  
OFFICE OF HISTORIC AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES  
PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION COVENANT

This Covenant is made the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_, by  
RAUD W SMITH AND  
ALAINZ S GREWBERG (hereinafter referred to as the Owner) and in favor of  
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY (hereinafter referred to as the Local Government) for the purpose of  
the restoration, renovation or rehabilitation, of a certain Property located at  
1024 ASTURIA AVENUE, CORAL GABLES, FL 33134

which is owned in fee simple by the Owner and is listed in the National Register of Historic  
Places or locally designated under the terms of a local preservation ordinance or is a contributing  
property to a National Register listed district or a contributing property to a historic district under  
the terms of a local preservation ordinance. The areas of significance of this property, as  
identified in the National Register nomination or local designation report for the property or the  
district in which it is located are  architecture, \_\_\_\_\_ history, \_\_\_\_\_ archaeology.

The Property is comprised essentially of grounds, collateral, appurtenances, and improvements.  
The property is more particularly described as follows (include city reference, consisting of  
repository, book, and page numbers):

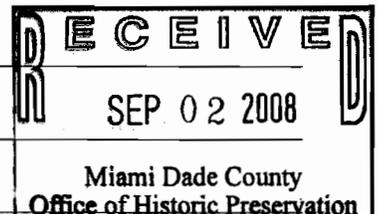
1024 Asturia Avenue, Coral Gables, FL 33134

a/k/a  
~~Coral Gables Sec 8 B 26~~  
lots 697, Block 8

CORRECTED PLAT ~~OF~~ CORAL GABLES

SECTION C, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT

THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8  
at page 26, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS  
OF MIAMI DADE COUNTY FL



In consideration of the exemption granted by the Local Government, the Owner hereby agrees to the following for the ten-year period beginning on January 1st after the improvements are substantially completed:

1. The Owner agrees to assume the cost of the continued maintenance and repair of said Property so as to preserve the architectural, historical, or archaeological integrity of the same in order to protect and enhance those qualities that made the Property eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places or designation under the provisions of the local preservation ordinance.
2. The Owner agrees that no visual or structural alterations will be made to the Property without prior written permission of the Local Historic Preservation Office.

The address of the certified Local Historic Preservation Office is, if one exists in the jurisdiction:

Name of Office/Agency: OFFICE OF HISTORIC AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES

Address: STEPHEN P. CLARK CENTER 111 NW 1 ST., SUITE 695

City: MIAMI

Zip: 33128

Telephone: 305-375-4958

Fax: 305-372-6394

3. (Only for properties of archaeological significance) The Owner agrees to ensure the protection of the site against willful damage or vandalism. Nothing in this Covenant shall prohibit the Owner from developing the site in such a manner that will not threaten or damage the archaeological resource, provided that permission for alteration of the site is obtained pursuant to #2 above.

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4. The Owner agrees that the Local Historic Preservation Office and appropriate representatives of the Local Government, their agents and designees shall have the right to inspect the Property at all reasonable times in order to ascertain whether or not the conditions of this Covenant are being observed.
5. In the event of the non-performance or violation of the maintenance provision of the Covenant by the Owner or any successor-in-interest during the term of the Covenant, the Local Historic Preservation Office will report such violation to the property Appraiser and Tax Collector who shall take action pursuant to s-196.1997 (7), F.S. The Owner shall be required to pay the difference between the total amount of taxes which would have been due in March in each of the previous years in which the Covenant was in effect had the property not received the exemption and the total amount of taxes actually paid in those years, plus interest on the difference calculated as provided in s.212.12 (3), F.S.
6. If the Property is damaged by accidental or natural causes during the Covenant period, the Owner will inform the Local Historic Preservation Office in writing of the damage of the Property, including (1) an assessment of the nature and extent of the damage; and (2) an estimate of the cost of restoration or reconstruction work necessary to return the Property to the condition existing at the time of project completion. In order to maintain the tax exemption, the Owner shall complete the restoration or reconstruction work necessary to return the Property to the condition existing at the time of project completion on a time schedule agreed upon by the Owner and the Local Historic Preservation Office.

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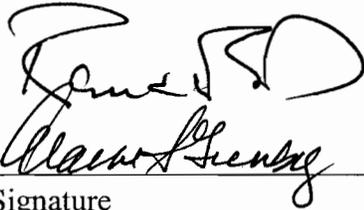
7. If the Property has been destroyed or severely damaged by accidental or natural causes, that is, if the historical integrity of the features, materials, appearance, workmanship, and environment, or archaeological integrity, which made the property eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places or designation under the terms of the local preservation ordinance have been lost or so damaged that restoration is not feasible, the Owner will notify the Local Historic Preservation Office in writing of the loss. The Local Historic Preservation Office will evaluate the information provided and notify the Owner in writing of its determination regarding removal of the Property from eligibility for tax exemption. If the Local Historic Preservation Office determines that the property should be removed from eligibility for tax exemption, it will notify the Property Appraiser of the county in which the Property is located in writing so that the tax exemption can be cancelled for the remainder of the Covenant period. In such cases, no penalty or interest shall be assessed against the Owner.
  
8. If it appears that the historical integrity of the features, materials, appearance, workmanship, and environment, or archaeological integrity which made the Property eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places or designation under the terms of the local preservation ordinance have been lost or damaged deliberately or through gross negligence of the Owner, the Local Historic Preservation Office shall notify the Owner in writing. The Owner shall have 30 days to respond indicating any extenuating circumstances which show that the damage was not deliberate or due to gross negligence. If the Owner cannot show such extenuating circumstances, he shall develop a plan for restoration of the Property and a schedule for completion of the restoration. In order to maintain the tax exemption, the Owner shall complete the restoration work necessary to return the Property to the condition existing

at the time of project completion on a time schedule agreed upon by the Owner and the Local Historic Preservation Office. If the owner does not complete the restoration work on the agreed upon time schedule, the Local Historic Preservation Office will report such violation to the Property Appraiser and Tax Collector who shall take action pursuant to s.196.1997 (7), F.S. The Owner shall be required to pay the difference between the total amount of taxes which would have been due in March in each of the previous years in which the Covenant was in effect had the property not received the exemption and the total amount of taxes actually paid in those years, plus interest on the difference calculated as provided in s.212.12 (3), F.S.

- The terms of this Covenant shall be binding on the current Property owner, transferees, and their heirs, successors, or assigns.

This Covenant shall be enforceable in specific performance by a court of competent jurisdiction.

OWNER (S):  
RAND W SMITH  
ALAINES GREENBERG  
 Name

  
 Signature

August 15, 2008  
Aug 15, 2008  
 Date

LOCAL GOVERNMENT: \_\_\_\_\_

Kathleen S. Kauffman  
 Local Official  
 Miami-Dade County  
 Office of Historic and Archaeological Resources

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

George M. Burgess  
 County Manager

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

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**MIAMI-DADE HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD**

**RESOLUTION NO. 08-12**

**1024 ASTURIA AVENUE  
CITY OF CORAL GABLES  
A MUNICIPALLY DESIGNATED HISTORIC LAND MARK**

**WHEREAS**, the Miami-Dade Historic Preservation Board has determined that the property located at 1024 Asturia Avenue, Coral Gables, Florida, is of architectural and historic significance and a municipally designated historic landmark; and,

**WHEREAS**, the improvements to this property have generally met the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation to the satisfaction of this Board; and,

**WHEREAS**, the property is located at:

Legal Description: Coral Gables Sec "C", P.B. 8-26, Lots 6 & 7, Block 8

Folio Number: 03-4107-014-0780

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Historic Preservation Board on July 16, 2008, voted to approve the Ad Valorem Tax Exemption for 1024 Asturia Avenue, Coral Gables, Florida and, therefore, recommends to the Board of County Commissioners of Miami-Dade County, Florida, that the property receive the tax exemption for historic properties for the County's portion of the millage pursuant to 16A-18 Miami-Dade County Code. This recommendation is conditioned upon:

1. The completed rehabilitation project is reviewed and approved by the municipal Historic Preservation Officer and is in accordance with the documents and plans presented to and approved by this Board.

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2. The filing of an appropriate covenant approved by the County Attorney.

The Historic Preservation Board recommends that this tax exemption be in effect beginning January 1 after the City of Coral Gables' Historic Preservation Officer certifies to the Miami-Dade County Property Appraiser that the rehabilitation is complete and in accordance with the plans approved by this Board.

3. The rehabilitation project is reviewed and evaluated by the county Property Appraiser with the completion of a "Historic Preservation Tax Assessment / Revenue Implications" report.

Alberta Godfrey  
Alberta Godfrey, Chair  
Miami-Dade County Historic Preservation Board

7/18/08  
Date

Prepared by:

Kathleen Kauffman  
Kathleen Kauffman  
Office of Historic and Archaeological Preservation



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<u>Board Members</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Ruth Campbell	yes
Roger M. Carlton	absent
Adriana Cantillo	absent
Richard Cohen	yes
Paul George	yes
Alberta Godfrey, Chair	yes
Hyacinth Johnson	yes
Robert McKinney	yes
Mitch Novick	yes
JoEllen Phillips	yes
Enid Pinkney	absent

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF MIAMI-DADE

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this July 18, 2008  
by, Alberta Godfrey, Chair, Miami-Dade County Historic Preservation Board.

Dianne Hough  
Notary Public



DIANNE HOUGH  
MY COMMISSION # DD 594191  
EXPIRES: December 6, 2010  
Bonded Thru Budget Notary Services

Personally Known Yes  
OR Produced Identification N/A Type of Identification Produced N/A.

STATE OF FLORIDA, COUNTY OF DADE  
I HEREBY CERTIFY that this is a true copy of the  
original filed in this office on 24 day of  
JULY, A D 20 08  
WITNESS my hand and Official Seal.  
HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK, of Circuit and County Courts  
By [Signature] 6088 D.C.



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