

# PERMITTING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (PAP)

An economic development initiative that minimizes permitting-related uncertainties and helps businesses open faster to contribute to the local economy.

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## WHY IT'S IMPORTANT

There is a direct relationship between building permit processes, local economic activity and government tax revenues. Because the commercial areas of Coral Gables represent nearly 40% of the city's total property tax revenue, a loss of jobs and employers, as well as a lack of growth in the employment base, can result in higher taxes and/or a reduction of services for residents. The Permitting Assistance Program directly addresses and responds to these needs.

## OUR GOAL

While the City's permitting process has gone through significant technological upgrades, including the use of mobile devices, web-enabled records access, and digital plan reviews, the PAP offers qualifying companies additional assistance and expert guidance prior to submitting plans.

Our goal is to assist new-to-market and existing/expanding companies with securing timely permits that will result in a materially positive impact of job retention and creation, as well as significant capital investment in Coral Gables.

## HOW IT WORKS

### Pre-Submittal

Prior to submitting plans, the company will have an opportunity to meet with plans reviewers and decision-makers to ask questions, thus minimizing rejections.

### Post-Submittal

After submitting plans, companies can check in with our City Ombudsman for updates and clarifications on comments made by reviewers.

## WHO QUALIFIES

Each project is assessed case-by-case based on the level of economic impact and need for permitting assistance.

- Businesses new to the Gables
- Retentions and Expansions (Headquarters and multinational companies)
- Capital investment of at least \$1million
- Creation or retention of 50 or more jobs
- Salaries of \$100,000 or more

## SUCCESS STORIES

From plans submittal to permit issuance.

- Ryder: 3 months (31,000SF)
- Quest Workspaces: 3 months (22,500SF)
- RSM: 2 months (8,000SF)

## CONTACTS

The Permitting Assistance Program is a partnership between the City of Coral Gables and the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce.

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