

## **COCONUT GROVE VILLAGE COUNCIL**

### **APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT PACKET**

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QUALIFICATION FEE:     \$100.00

SEATS:           NINE SEATS, ELECTED GROVE-WIDE TO A FOUR-YEAR TERM. TWO SEATS ARE CURRENTLY OPEN FOR APPOINTMENT UNTIL THE NEXT ELECTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE IN NOVEMBER, 2009.

TERM:           FROM THE FIRST REGULAR MEETING AFTER APPOINTMENT THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2009 ELECTION.

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### **INSTRUCTIONS**

- (1) Complete the attached qualification form.
- (2) Have the attached acknowledgement form properly notarized.
- (3) Include a check or money order payable to The Coconut Grove Village Council, Inc. in the amount of \$100.00.
- (4) Include a photocopy of your Driver's License or other State-issued photographic identification.
- (5) Include a photocopy of your voter registration card.
- (6) Mail or hand-deliver your completed qualification form (with required attachments) to:

Michelle Niemeyer, Chair  
Coconut Grove Village Council  
3250 Mary Street, Suite 302  
Coconut Grove, FL 33133

Or hand deliver your completed qualification form to either City of Miami Coconut Grove NET office, addressing the packet to Michelle Niemeyer in care of the NET Office, and clearly identifying the packet as a Coconut Grove Village Council Candidate Qualification Form.

- (7) Candidate Qualification Forms must be received by 5:00 PM, January 9, 2009.

## **CANDIDATE QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

### Qualification Requirements

To qualify as a candidate for the Coconut Grove Village Council an individual must:

- (1) Be a registered voter;
- (2) Have resided in Coconut Grove for at least the twelve (12) months prior to qualifying;
- (3) Not have previously served on the Council for either two (2) terms or a total of four (4) years.

“Coconut Grove” is defined, for purposes of the Council, as that area within the City of Miami city limits bounded by the Rickenbacker Causeway, US 1, the southern boundary between the City of Miami and Coral Gables (variously LeJeune or Prospect) and Biscayne Bay. This area includes the following voting precincts: 532, 540, 568, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, and 998. Some precincts may not fall entirely within the defined area; the defined area, rather than the precinct number, controls for purposes of the residency requirement.

### Origin and Mission of the Council

Concerned about rampant growth and a decline in the quality of life in their community, the citizens of Coconut Grove created the Coconut Grove Village Council in 1991 to represent them before any and all governing bodies with legal jurisdiction or authority in matters pertaining to the residents’ interests. Since then, the Village Council, which is elected by the voters of Coconut Grove, has represented the Grove and sought to uphold the community’s long-standing tradition of tolerance, respect for the environment, and a commitment to social responsibility. In keeping with these community standards, the Village Council’s goals are to assure that:

- Elected and appointed government officials adequately and fairly protect the citizens’ interests;
- Village residents receive governmental services and representation proportional to their taxation; and
- The Grove is not exploited to the detriment of people who live in the bayside community.

**COCONUT GROVE VILLAGE COUNCIL CANDIDATE  
QUALIFICATION FORM**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

FACSIMILE: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

ARE YOU A REGISTERED VOTER? Circle YES / NO

VOTING PRECINCT: \_\_\_\_\_

HOW LONG HAVE YOU RESIDED IN COCONUT GROVE? \_\_\_\_\_

IF YOU HAVE NOT RESIDED FOR 12 MONTHS OR MORE AT THE ADDRESS PROVIDED ABOVE, PLEASE PROVIDE THE ADDRESS(ES) OF YOUR OTHER QUALIFYING GROVE RESIDENCES: \_\_\_\_\_  
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HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY RUN FOR PUBLIC OFFICE? Circle YES / NO. If YES, explain:

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HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY HELD PUBLIC OFFICE? Circle YES / NO. If YES, explain:

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I hereby enclose my check number \_\_\_\_\_ for \$100.00 made payable to the Coconut Grove Village Council as a non-refundable filing and qualification fee.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, swear and affirm that the foregoing Coconut Grove Village Council Candidate Qualification Form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, that I agree to abide by the foregoing election procedures, and if elected I hereby pledge to devote myself to the provisions contained herein.

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Signature