



Memorandum

Date: August 14, 2024

To: Mayor and Councilmembers

From: Connie Diaz, City Clerk

Subject: **Interlocal Agreement with Miami-Dade County for the Publication of the City of Doral's Required Legal Advertisements and Notices**

Introduction

The City Clerk's Office is tasked with placing all legal advertisements as required by the laws of the State of Florida and Section 2-71 of the Doral Code of Ordinances.

Background

The Florida Constitution requires all meetings of a county, municipality, school board, or special district at which official acts are to be taken or at which public business is to be discussed or transacted to be open to the public and properly noticed. The City of Doral, like many other municipalities in Miami-Dade County, historically published legal notices in the Daily Business Review when possible because it was more cost effective than other available newspapers of general circulation.

As of December 22, 2023, the Daily Business Review ceased producing a print product and no longer meets the qualifications necessary for publication of legal notices under Florida Law.

Section 50.0311, Florida Statutes, provides that a governmental agency may use the designated publicly accessible website of the county in which it lies to publish legally required advertisements and public notices if the cost of publishing advertisements and public notices on such website is less than the cost of publishing advertisements and public notices in a newspaper.

On July 16, 2024, the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners adopted a resolution designating "legalads.miamidade.gov" as the County's publicly accessible website, and approved the template for an interlocal agreement authorizing the County and municipalities throughout Miami-Dade County to enter into such agreements for these purposes at a cost of approximately

\$707 per authorized City employee user, which is far less than the cost of advertising in a newspaper of general circulation in the County.

Fiscal Impact

Approximately \$707 per Fiscal Year. Funding will come from account 001.12005.500491.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approving the interlocal agreement attached, as it will realize significant cost savings by utilizing the County's publicly accessible website instead of placing its legal advertisements and public notices in a newspaper of general circulation.