

**RESOLUTION No. 24-**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE RELOCATION OF THE COVANTA WASTE-TO-ENERGY PLANT SITE; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORITY TO THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY TO NEGOTIATE AN AGREEMENT WITH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY; PROVIDING FOR EXPENDITURE OF BUDGETED FUNDS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**WHEREAS**, on February 12, 2023, the Covanta operated waste-to-energy incinerator, located at 6990 N.W. 97<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Doral, Florida, 33178, caught fire, which caused the release of noxious black smoke and pollutants that covered the City of Doral for weeks on end affecting over 80,000 residents; and

**WHEREAS**, during the past ten (10) years, the area around the waste-to-energy plant has seen a remarkable and unprecedented growth in residential development; and

**WHEREAS**, Doral is one of the nation's fastest growing communities, comprising a heavily populated residential community in the heart of Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, the reconstruction of the waste-to-energy plant at its Doral site poses a significant threat to the numerous residents that reside in close proximity to the Doral site; and

**WHEREAS**, Doral and Miami-Dade County have a responsibility to ensure that the future waste-to-energy site is located in an area that is distant from large residential populations; and

**WHEREAS**, the County has authored a report that provides for three alternative sites where waste-to-energy incinerator can be located; and

**WHEREAS**, a fourth site has been recently proposed for the relocation of the waste-to-energy incinerator and is being given consideration by Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, Doral recognizes the efforts that the County will need to employ in the relocation of the waste to energy incinerator, and desires to be a partner in the relocation of the waste-to-energy incinerator; and

**WHEREAS**, in furtherance of a partnership with the County, Doral's Mayor and Council is willing to negotiate a memorandum of understanding that will include, among other things, a reasonable contribution towards the construction of the waste-to -energy incinerator; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of Doral authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to take all necessary steps to negotiate and finalize a memorandum of understanding between Doral and Miami-Dade County, subject to final approval by the Mayor and Council, in order to provide for the construction of a waste-to-energy incinerator at a non-City of Doral site, to be located a reasonable distance from the City's boundaries; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of Doral urge Miami-Dade County to take all action necessary to relocate the waste-to-energy site to the newly considered fourth site.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Recitals.** The above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein.

**Section 2. Approval of this Resolution.** The Mayor and Council of the City of Doral approve this Resolution, authorize the negotiation of a memorandum of understanding that will include, among other things, a reasonable contribution from the City of Doral for the construction of a waste-to-energy facility at an alternate, non-City of

Doral site, to be located within a reasonable distance from the City's boundaries. Further the Mayor and Council endorse Miami-Dade County's consideration of a fourth possible site for the relocation of the waste to energy site and urge Miami-Dade County to take all necessary action to relocate the waste-to-energy facility to newly considered fourth site.

**Section 3. Providing the City Manager and City Attorney with Authority.** The City Manager and City Attorney are authorized to take any and all necessary action to negotiate and bring back a memorandum of understanding with Miami-Dade County for the construction of a waste-to-energy facility at a non-City of Doral site, located within a reasonable distance from the City, for City Council approval.

**Section 4. Providing for Authority to Expend Budgeted Funds.** The City Manager is authorized to expend budgeted funds in order to comply with this Resolution

**Section 5. Effective Date.** The Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

The Prime Sponsor for this Ordinance is Mayor Christi Fraga.

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

Mayor Christi Fraga	_____
Vice Mayor Oscar Puig-Corve	_____
Councilwoman Digna Cabral	_____
Councilman Rafael Pineyro	_____
Councilwoman Maureen Porras	_____

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 3 day of September, 2024.

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CHRISTI FRAGA, MAYOR

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
CONNIE DIAZ, MMC  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY  
FOR THE USE AND RELIANCE OF THE CITY OF DORAL ONLY:

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LORENZO COBIELLA  
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CITY ATTORNEY