



City of Doral 2026 Legislative Priorities

PRESERVATION OF HOME RULE & LOCAL AUTHORITY

- **Oppose** any legislation that limits or erodes municipalities' constitutional home rule powers, which allow local governments to protect the health, safety, welfare, and quality of life of their residents.
- **Oppose** efforts that create unnecessary procedural barriers for cities in enacting ordinances, adopting charter amendments, or conducting referenda.
- **Oppose** any preemptive legislation that limits or overrides the authority of municipalities to govern in the best interest of their residents.
- **Support** maintaining strong local decision-making powers that allow municipalities to respond effectively to the unique needs of their communities.

PROPERTY TAX RELIEF AND SALES TAX REFORM

- **Support** state efforts to provide property tax relief through a constitutional amendment giving voters the opportunity to approve measures eliminating homestead property taxes for seniors (65+), veterans, persons with disabilities, and widows, and increasing existing homestead exemption amounts.
- **Urge** the Florida Legislature to place this amendment on the 2026 statewide ballot and to consider additional reforms that allow municipalities to retain a portion of locally generated sales tax, hotel tax, and tourism tax revenues to ensure fiscal stability and continued delivery of essential city services.
- **Support** meaningful property tax reform developed in collaboration with local governments to ensure fiscal responsibility and the protection of essential municipal programs such as public safety, parks, and senior services.

HOME IMPROVEMENTS & PROPERTY INSURANCE

- **Support** initiatives that reduce the cost of homeowners' and flood insurance by expanding programs that assist residents with home fortification and resiliency improvements.
- **Support** incentives and tax relief that directly lower insurance premiums for families and businesses.

- **Support** infrastructure investments that reduce flood risks, including stormwater drainage upgrades, which in turn contribute to lowering insurance rates.

HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION AND CONDOMINIUM REFORM

- **Support** comprehensive legislation that increases transparency and financial accountability within associations.
- **Support** strengthening state enforcement mechanisms and introducing meaningful penalties for boards or management companies that violate state law.
- **Support** enhancing local government oversight authority to ensure compliance with maintenance, safety, and reporting requirements.
- **Support** improving resident access to records and promoting fair governance practices that protect homeowners and condominium residents.

TRANSPORTATION & MOBILITY

- **Support** funding programs that enhance safety for all road users, including drivers, pedestrians, and cyclists.
- **Advocate** for a more equitable transportation funding formula that recognizes the unique needs of municipalities like Doral, which face high traffic congestion and heavy commuter inflows.
- **Support** legislation that allows municipalities to receive transportation and infrastructure funds directly from state and federal agencies, enabling faster and more efficient implementation of critical projects.
- **Support** the expansion of the viaduct on NW 25th Street and improvements around Miami International Airport to improve connectivity and support economic growth.

LIVE LOCAL ACT

- **Support** balanced solutions to the state's housing challenges while opposing amendments to the Live Local Act that diminish local authority over zoning, public hearings, or compatibility reviews.
- **Oppose** mandates that require municipalities to approve additional development incentives such as height and density increases without consideration of infrastructure capacity, traffic impacts, or neighborhood character.

SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY

- **Support** stronger regulations and enforcement measures to ensure the safety of students traveling in private school buses, vans, and other vehicles.
- **Advocate** for enhanced traffic rules, signage, and penalties to protect children during school transport loading and unloading.

INCINERATOR FACILITIES

- **Support** legislation prohibiting the permitting of new waste-to-energy or incinerator facilities within close proximity to residential neighborhoods, schools, or commercial areas.
- **Prioritize** policies that protect public health and the environment from negative impacts associated with incinerators.

SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY

- **Oppose** legislation that increases the current liability limits for lawsuits against municipalities under Section 768.28, F.S.
- **Preserve** existing financial protections to ensure municipal resources are not diverted from essential public services.

COMMUNICATION & UTILITY INFRASTRUCTURE

- **Amend** state law to require utility companies to remove redundant pole attachments within 180 days of notice and mandate the elimination of duplicate poles.
- **Advocate** for policies that improve safety, reduce visual clutter, and ensure accountability from utility providers.

ELECTRIC BIKES & MICROMOBILITY SAFETY

- **Support** legislation that grants municipalities clear authority to regulate the operation, safety, and parking of electric bicycles, scooters, and other micromobility devices.
- **Prioritize** policies that protect pedestrians and reduce conflicts between vehicles and micro-mobility riders.

CYBERSECURITY

- **Oppose** legislation that repeals protections for municipal cybersecurity information, ensuring sensitive data remains exempt from public disclosure.
- **Support** strengthened state partnerships to combat cyber threats and safeguard municipal networks.

EDUCATION & SCHOOL CHOICE

- **Support** legislation that maintains strong state funding for public education, expands access to advanced academic programs, and invests in teacher recruitment and retention.
- **Promote** policies that expand school choice opportunities for families—including public, charter, and private options—while ensuring accountability, equitable access, and high educational standards.

2026 CITY OF DORAL APPROPRIATION REQUESTS

Doral PD

- DPD Aerial Support Project - \$75,000
- DPD Presidential/Dignitary Protective Detail Overtime Funding Initiative - \$500,000
- DPD DUI Enforcement and Safety Project - \$25,000
- DPD In-House Narcotics Destruction Incinerator Project - \$12,000
- DPD Golf Cart Park Patrol Project - \$80,000
- DPD High Water Project - \$560,000

Public Works

- Doral Art District Adaptive Re-use Project - \$2,000,000
- NW 117 Ave Street Improvements (from NW 25 St to NW 34 St)- \$2,000,000