



CITY OF DORAL COUNCIL MEETING MEMORANDUM

ITEM TITLE:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 26, ARTICLE III, "SHOPPING CARTS"; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION INTO THE CODE; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION:

Approval

BRIEF HISTORY:

For several years, the City's approach to shopping cart enforcement has functioned more as a community service than a regulatory enforcement effort. Under the current ordinance, the requirement to store recovered shopping carts for a minimum of five (5) days prior to issuing a citation has created a significant operational burden for the Code Compliance Department.

Due to limited storage capacity, officers have routinely removed shopping carts found on public property and returned them directly to their respective businesses, rather than initiating formal enforcement action. While this practice helps maintain public spaces in the short term, it has resulted in minimal accountability for business owners and limited effectiveness in preventing repeat violations.

The proposed amendment to this ordinance is intended to reduce the number of shopping carts left on public property by requiring retail establishments to implement cart disabling device systems. Additionally, the amendment removes the burden of storage from the City, allowing Code Compliance Officers to issue citations more efficiently and consistently. This shift will free up officer time to focus on more serious violations while obtaining long-term compliance.

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LEGISLATIVE ACTION: (IF APPLICABLE)

Date:	Resolution/Ordinance No.	Comments

FINANCIAL INFORMATION: (IF APPLICABLE)

No.	Amount	Account No.	Source of Funds
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2.			
Total:			
Fiscal Impact Statement: N/A			

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

If the anticipated result of reducing the number of abandoned shopping carts is achieved through this amendment, it will directly align with the City’s strategic planning pillars by reducing hazards in roadways, sidewalks, and parking areas to support public safety; establishing clearer and more consistent enforcement standards to enhance exceptional service; minimizing visual blight and maintaining cleaner neighborhoods to improve quality of life; and eliminating storage burdens, freeing up officer time for higher-priority violations, and enabling cost recovery to advance revenue and operational efficiency.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- A. Draft Ordinance