

ORDINANCE No. 2025-17

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 2, “ADMINISTRATION”, ARTICLE II “CITY COUNCIL”, AND CREATING DIVISION 5, “PENALTIES”; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION INTO THE CODE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, during the November 2024 City of Doral (the “City”) elections, the residents of Doral voted in favor of creating Section 2.07 of the City’s Charter which provides for an Office of the Inspector General; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.07 of the City’s provides that the Mayor and City Council may adopt an Ordinance that may provide for the Office’s appointment, reappointment, term, functions, authority, and powers; and

WHEREAS, during the February 2025 City Council Meeting, the City Council voted to codify procedures for the appointment of an Inspector General, the Inspector General’s function and authority; and

WHEREAS, the City of Doral’s Mayor and Council are held to high standards in the matter in which they carry out the duties of their elected offices, and in furtherance of these standards the City’s Mayor and Council have adopted rules of conduct and procedure which have been duly codified and incorporated into the City’s Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, unlike other sections of the City’s Code of Ordinances, the rules that govern the Mayor and Council’s rules of conduct and procedure do not provide for penalties in the event of a violation and do not provide for enforcement; and

WHEREAS, it is desirous that there be the creation of a schedule of code violation penalties that can be imposed by code enforcement officer of the City.

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

Section 1. Recitals. The foregoing “WHEREAS” clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a part of this Ordinance upon adoption hereof.

Section 2. Amending Chapter 2, Article II., City Council

CHAPTER 2 ADMINISTRATION

ARTICLE II. – CITY COUNCIL

DIVISION 5. PENALTIES AND SANCTIONS

Sec. 2-100 Violations of a public officials' behavior and conduct.

- a. Public officials who intentionally and repeatedly do not follow proper conduct and rules of procedure as provided by Chapter 2, Article II of the City's Code of Ordinances, may be reprimanded or formally censured by the council. Serious infractions of code of conduct may be referred to by the City Council to the appropriate government agency.
- b. A person who believes that the Mayor or Councilmember has violated the rules of procedure and conduct provided by Chapter 2, Article II of these Code of Ordinances, may file their complaint with the City's Inspector General by submitting including a sworn statement in a form acceptable to the Inspector General's office. Pursuant to Chapter 162 of Florida Statutes, the Inspector General shall have the authority to act and serve as the City's Code Enforcement Officer for the purposes of issuing a citations for the violation of this Section. Appeals of any citations issued by the Inspector General may be appealed, pursuant to Florida law, to the Eleventh Judicial Circuit Court in and for Miami-Dade County.

Sec. 2-101 Violations of public officials' behavior and conduct.

A member of the council found to have violated any section of this division shall be subject to the following penalties:

- a. \$500.00 for the first violation.
- b. \$1,000.00 for the second violation.

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c. \$1,500.00 for the third and subsequent violations.

Any fine due by a member of the council shall be deducted from his or her stipend by the finance director at the direction of the city manager. Such funds shall be refunded to the city's general revenue fund.

Section 3. **Conflicts.** All ordinances, or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith be, and the same, are hereby repealed.

Section 4. **Severability.** If any section, subsection, clause of provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder shall not be affected by such invalidity.

Section 5. **Incorporation into the Code.** In is the intention of the Mayor and the City Council, that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and made a part of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Doral, and that the sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or relettered to accomplish such intentions.

Section 6. **Effective Date** This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage on second reading.

The foregoing Ordinance was offered by _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by _____ upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Mayor Christi Fraga	_____
Vice Mayor Maureen Porras	_____
Councilwoman Digna Cabral	_____
Councilman Rafael Pineyro	_____
Councilwoman Nicole Reinoso	_____

PASSED AND ADOPTED on FIRST READING this 16 day of April, 2025.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on SECOND READING this 14 day of May, 2025.

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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CITY ATTORNEY

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