

ORDINANCE No. 2025-38

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, AMENDING ARTICLE III “TOWING AND IMMOBILIZATION” SECTION 44-72 “VEHICLES PARKED ON PRIVATE PROPERTY” OF THE CITY’S CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION INTO THE CODE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City of Doral (the “City”) continues to attract new residents, business owners and guests; and

WHEREAS, the City’s continued growth has impacted on its need to provide adequate parking for all patrons and visitors; and

WHEREAS, an essential element for the provision of adequate parking is the ability to enforce parking rules and regulations; and

WHEREAS, City Code Section 44-72 provides a uniform method for the immobilization of illegally parked vehicles on private property; and

WHEREAS, the City Code provides that thirty (30) minutes after the placement of a warning on an illegally parked vehicle on private property, the owner of the private property may place an immobilization device on the illegally parked vehicle; and

WHEREAS, thirty (30) minutes provides sufficient time for individuals to illegally park in private properties that are adjacent to retail areas, conduct business and leave, without incurring any penalties, to the detriment of the private property owner(s); and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City to reduce the warning period from thirty (30) minutes to twenty (20) minutes.

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

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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 44-72:

Sec. 44-72. Vehicles parked on private property; immobilization.

Except as otherwise limited herein, a property owner may cause any vehicle parked on his/her/its property without permission to be immobilized by a person or business without the permission or authority from the vehicle owner or duly authorized driver of the vehicle and to avoid liability for the costs of such immobilization, provided that the following requirements are satisfied:

- (5) ~~Thirty~~ Twenty (20) minutes prior to booting a vehicle, the person booting such vehicle, the owner of the property where such vehicle was booted, or an employee or agent of such person or owner, shall place on the windshield of the vehicle a notice advising that the vehicle is parked on private property and that failure to remove within ~~30~~ Twenty (20) minutes of being posted on the vehicle shall result in the vehicle being immobilized by boot. The time and date of the notice shall be written clearly on the notice.

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 by the City Council on second reading.

The Prime Sponsor for this Ordinance is Vice Mayor Maureen Porras.

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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 10 day of September, 2025.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on SECOND READING this ____ day of _____, 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:

LORENZO COBIELLA
GASTESI, LOPEZ, MESTRE & COBIELLA, PLLC
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