

ORDINANCE No. 2025-37

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 2, “ADMINISTRATION,” ARTICLE II, “CITY COUNCIL”, DIVISION 3 “RULES OF PROCEDURE”, CREATING SECTION 2-80 “COUNCIL MEMBER EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT” OF THE CITY’S CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION INTO THE CODE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, during the November 2024, City of Doral (the “City”) election, the electorate voted to adopt Charter Section 2.06, titled “Compensation; reimbursement for expenses”; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.06 provides that “The Council shall also receive reimbursement in accordance with applicable law, or as may be otherwise provided by ordinance, for authorized expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties”; and

WHEREAS, January 28, 2015, the City adopted Resolution 2015-20, which created the City’s reimbursement policy for travel expenses; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable that in furtherance of Section 2.06, the Mayor City and Council adopt an Ordinance that establishes the method and procedure that the City Council, may request and receive reimbursements for expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties codifies Resolution No. 25-20.

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, Division 3, creating Section 2-80

CHAPTER 2 ADMINISTRATION
ARTICLE II CITY COUNCIL.
DIVISION 3. RULES OF PROCEDURE
Sec. 2-80 – Councilmember expense reimbursement

(a) Purpose

This section establishes uniform rules for the reimbursement of necessary and reasonable expenses incurred by Councilmembers while conducting official City business, consistent with §112.061, Florida Statutes, City of Doral Section 2.06 and the City of Doral Code of Ordinances.

(b) Covered Travel Activities

(b)(1) The City shall not reimburse for any hotel or other lodging costs incurred for travel that is less than twenty (20) miles from the boundaries of the City.

(b)(2) The City shall not reimburse for any transportation expenses (other than gas mileage or the costs of public transportation) for any travel that is less than forty (40) miles from the boundaries of the City.

(b)(3) For all City-related travel, the City shall provide food and beverage reimbursement payments in the following manner:

- i. Mayor and City Councilmembers: \$100.00 per diem;
- ii. City employees: \$75.00 per diem; and/or
- iii. As set by the City Council on an annual basis in the corresponding fiscal year City budget.

(c) Purchase of supplies, materials, equipment and promotional items: All councilmembers' purchase requests shall be made through finance and procurement, through the submittal of a purchase order, in the manner provided by the City Manager's established policy for City staff.

(d) Reimbursements for the purchase of supplies, materials, equipment, promotional items, travel expenses for official City Business and event tickets should only be requested in instances where submitting a purchase order and adherence to the City Manager's established purchase policy is unfeasible. All reimbursement requests shall be made through the Mayor's office and shall be approved at the Mayor's sole discretion.

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 Mayor Christi Fraga.

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 8 day of October, 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
CITY ATTORNEY

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