



Memorandum

Date: March 12, 2025

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

From: Lorenzo Cobiella, City Attorney

Subject: **Ordinance Amending Section 2-385(b)**

Introduction

In 2022, the City of Doral's Code of Ethics was amended to provide for greater restrictions than those provided by Section 2-11.1 of Miami Dade County Code of Ordinances, titled "Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics." Specifically, these changes restricted immediate family members from conducting business with the City of Doral. While the City has a duty to abide by Miami-Dade County's Code of Ethics and rightfully requires the highest standard of ethics among all councilmembers, charter officials, administrators and staff, it must be careful not to bar its residents from conducting business or access to government.

Conflict of interests between immediate family members and governments is provided for in Miami-Dade County's Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics. This Code is binding on the City of Doral. Accordingly, in order to ensure that the City does not run afoul of exceeding its legislative authority, it is advisable that the City remove Section 2-385(b) and replace with a reference to Miami-Dade County's Conflict of Interest and Code of Interest Ordinance.