

ORDINANCE No. 2026-08

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 80, ARTICLE VII, “HUMAN TRAFFICKING SIGNS”; CREATING SECTION 80-326 “NO HOURLY ROOM RENTALS PUBLIC AWARENESS SIGNS”; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION INTO THE CODE; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, Chapter 80, Article VII, of the City of Doral’s (the “City”) Code of Ordinances provides for the requirement and regulation of Human Trafficking Signs; and

WHEREAS, during the April 2026, City Council Meeting, City Council directed the City Attorney and City Staff to codify a policy requiring hotels to post a “no hourly room rental sign” in hotel lobbys; and

WHEREAS, this regulation will serve to provide awareness of Florida Statute § 509.098, which prohibits hourly room rental, and help to further curtail human trafficking in the City; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council finds that adoption of this Ordinance is in the City’s best interest.

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 80, Article VII., Human Trafficking.

ARTICLE VII. Human Trafficking

Sec. 80-326 – No hourly room rentals public awareness signs

Operators of public lodging establishments shall display a “no hourly room rentals” public awareness sign in a conspicuous location visible to employees and patrons of the establishment.

- a. The required “no hourly room rentals” sign must be at least legal letter size (8.5” x 11”) and state F.S. 509.098 which prohibits hourly rentals and the following verbiage:

“This policy is enforced to promote the safety and well-being of all guests to prevent unlawful activities, including but not limited to prostitution, human trafficking, and drug related offenses. Management reserves the right to refuse service and report violations to law enforcement.”

- c. Design specifics regarding color, graphics, and additional verbiage may be adopted via resolution.
- d. Failure to comply with this section will result in an issuance of civil citation of \$500.00 per occurrence and up to revocation of violator’s business tax receipt. A continued violation shall be considered a separate offense for each day.
- e. Citations may be appealed to the City's Special Magistrate.

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 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 Digna Cabral	_____
Councilman Rafael Pineyro	_____
Councilwoman Maureen Porras	_____
Councilwoman Nicole Reinoso	_____

PASSED AND ADOPTED on FIRST READING this 13th day of May 2026

PASSED AND ADOPTED on SECOND READING this _____

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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