

RESOLUTION No. 25-

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR SENATE BILL 1008, SPONSORED BY STATE SENATOR BRYAN AVILA; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City of Doral (the “City”) is obligated to take necessary measures to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its residents; and

WHEREAS, environmental conservation and the prevention of pollution are priorities for the City of Doral; and

WHEREAS, Florida Senate Bill 1008 (2025), introduced by Senator Avila, seeks to prohibit local governments and the Department of Environmental Protection from issuing construction permits for new solid waste disposal facilities or waste-to-energy facilities in areas that are within half (1/2) a mile of any residential or commercial property, or a school; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, the Covanta Waste to Energy Incinerator caught fire and engulfed the City in a sea of black smoke and pollutants, causing great health and economic harm to its residents, businessowners and guests;

WHEREAS, the 2023 waste-to-energy fire forced City parks and businesses to shut down, and caused homeowners to vacate their homes; and

WHEREAS, the City of Doral recognizes the importance of regulating the placement of such facilities to prevent potential adverse environmental and health impacts; and

WHEREAS, supporting SB 1008 aligns with the City's commitment to sustainable development and environmental stewardship.

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

Section 1. Incorporation of Recitals. The aforementioned recitals are incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. Authorization. The Mayor and City Council hereby affirm their support of Senator Bryan Avila's efforts to stymie the negative effects of waste-to-energy incinerators located in close proximity to residential and commercial areas and encourage all State legislators to pass Florida Senate Bill 1008.

Section 3. Transmittal. The City Clerk is hereby authorized to transmit a copy of this Resolution to all members for the Miami-Dade County Legislative Delegation and Governor Ron DeSantis.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Mayor Christi Fraga.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by _____ who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by _____ and 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 this 12 day of March, 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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