



CITY OF DORAL COUNCIL MEETING MEMORANDUM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

ITEM TITLE:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, AMENDING SECTION 41-78 OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION INTO THE CODE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

BRIEF HISTORY:

The City of Doral is home to our Nation's largest population of Venezuelan residents. In January 2026, the United States captured Nicolas Maduro, the brutal dictator of Venezuela, a known narco-trafficker. Several countries in our hemisphere, like Cuba and Nicaragua suffer from similar repressive regimes that abuse human rights and commit crimes. These nations are sanctioned by the Federal Government, and are restricted from doing business with American companies. Despite strict OFAC regulations, there are many businesses that ignore the law and engage in business with these countries. Their actions, which are illegal, also serve to provide an economic benefit to these criminal governments.

The City of Doral, has the authority to regulate businesses that engage in commerce within the City limits by providing business tax receipts. These receipts may be withheld and cancelled based on a corporation violating a federal law or failure to obtain a necessary license. This proposed amendment will provide the City of Doral the authority to withhold and cancel business tax receipt licenses to those businesses that illegally conduct business with OFAC sanctioned countries.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The proposed item has a fiscal impact on revenues and/or expenditures in the amount of:

- \$50,000.00 or less
- \$50,000.00 or more

RECOMMENDATION:

I respectfully recommend that the City Council adopt the proposed Ordinance amending Section 41-78 of the City Code of Ordinances, which will provide the City with the authority to withhold and cancel business tax receipt licenses to those businesses that illegally conduct business with OFAC sanctioned countries.