

RESOLUTION No. 25-

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE SOUTHERN GROUP OF FLORIDA, INC. FOR LOBBYING SERVICES; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENT AND TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THIS RESOLUTION, INCLUDING EXPEND FUNDS WITH THE FIRM IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED BUDGETED FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City of Doral ("City") adopted Resolution 23-78, which authorized the City Manager to enter an agreement with the Southern Group of Florida, Inc. (the, "Southern Group"), in order to provide lobbying services for the City; and

WHEREAS, the City has utilized Southern Group's services in order to assist the City in lobbying matters of public interest important to the City such as annexation applications before the County, and matters concerning the relocation of the waste-to-energy facility; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager desires to extend The Southern Group's contract for lobbying services ("Services"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2-323(2) of the City's Code of Ordinances, professional services are exempt from the City's competitive bidding procedures; and

WHEREAS, based on the Southern Group's performance, the necessity for the City to have lobbying services in order to achieve its public policy goals, the City Manager is desirous of extending its contract with the Southern Group on terms

consistent and in substantial form as detailed in exhibit "A", in amounts not to exceed budgeted funds.

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

Section 1. Recitals. The above recitals are confirmed, adopted, and incorporated herein and made a part hereof by this reference.

Section 2. Approval. The Agreement between the City of Doral and The Southern Group of Florida, Inc., attached hereto as Exhibit "A" is hereby approved.

Section 3. Authorization. The City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into an Agreement on behalf of the City of Doral with The Southern Group of Florida, Inc. for the provision of lobbying services, attached hereto as Exhibit "A". The City Manager is hereby further authorized to execute any document(s), subject to legal conformity as approved by the City Attorney, necessary to carry out this Resolution in amounts not to exceed budgeted funds.

Section 4. Implementation. The City Manager and the City Attorney are hereby authorized to take such further action as may be necessary to implement the purpose and the provisions of this Resolution.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

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 16 day of April, 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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CITY ATTORNEY