

ORDINANCE No. 2025-29

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, AMENDING DIVISION III “RULES OF PROCEDURE” OF ARTICLE II “CITY COUNCIL”, OF CHAPTER 2 “ADMINISTRATION”, OF THE CITY’S CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION INTO THE CODE; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City of Doral (“City”) has created Rules of Procedures for Council Meetings, which may need to be amended from time to time; and

WHEREAS, the City finds it necessary and in the best interest of the City to amend, clarify, and expand upon, various sections of Division II – Rules of Procedure.

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

Section 1. Incorporation of Recitals. The foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Ordinance upon adoption hereof.

Section 2. Amendment to Chapter 2 of the City of Doral’s Code of Ordinances. Chapter 2, Article II, Division 3 of the City of Doral’s Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as follows:

DIVISION 3. RULES OF PROCEDURE

Sec. 2-73. Rules for conduct of business.

(b) *Residents/interested parties' duties.*

- (1) Members of the public may speak only at times designated by the mayor or presiding officer.
- (2) Members of the public are encouraged to register with the city clerk ~~and complete a comment card~~ prior to speaking.

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- (3) Prior to delivering public comments, a member of the public shall step to the floor podium microphone and state his or her name; ~~and their residential address~~ their residential or business address; and whether the person speaks for a group of people, or a third party in an audible tone for the city clerk's record.
- (4) During the public comments portion of the regular council meeting, the public may speak on any item for a period of three minutes. Additional time may be provided at the discretion of the mayor. Public comments shall not take longer than 60 minutes.
- (5) During public hearings and quasi-judicial proceedings, public remarks shall be limited to the agenda item for council consideration. Comments shall be limited to three minutes. Additional time may be provided at the discretion of the mayor. No other comments will be permitted.
- (6) Public comments procedure:
 - a. The city clerk shall provide ~~comment cards~~ a method for signing in to those interested in making public comments.
 - b. When signing up to speak, the member of the public shall clearly indicate which agenda item or issue in general they wish to speak on., ~~and whether they are in favor or against the item.~~
 - c. ~~Comment cards shall be printed in two colors to correspond to the position the speaker wishes to take on an item. Blue comment cards shall be used by members of the public in favor of an item or issue. Yellow comment cards shall be used by members of the public against an item or issue.~~
 - d. ~~The city clerk shall time stamp the comments cards received.~~
 - e. The mayor shall call ~~one speaker to the podium who is in favor of an item or issue followed by a speaker against the item or issue, one speaker at a time to the podium. until such time that said item is exhausted.~~
- (7) All remarks shall be addressed to the city council as a body through the mayor, and not to any member thereof.
- (8) Cumulative and repetitive testimony should be avoided on any matter. Persons of the same position as the previous speaker may simply state their names, address and the positions with which they agree.
- (9) A person whose allotted time to speak has expired shall be advised by the mayor to conclude.
- (10) Public hearings consist of those agenda items where the public may participate. The public shall speak only on the agenzized subject. Speaking time for members of the public is limited to three minutes for any particular topic. Additional time may be added by the mayor. Members of the public shall not delegate or give their time, or any portion thereof, to another party. For a public hearing, the city council may set an aggregate time limit for public comment. When an issue has been designated as quasi-judicial, public remarks for said item shall only be

heard during a quasi-judicial hearing that has been properly noticed for that matter.

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 Maureen Porras
Councilwoman Digna Cabral
Councilman Rafael Pineyro
Councilwoman Nicole Reinoso

PASSED AND ADOPTED on FIRST READING this 13 day of August, 2025.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on SECOND READING this 10 day of September, 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

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