



Memorandum

Date: March 12, 2025

To: Vice Mayor Maureen Porras
Councilwoman Digna Cabral
Councilman Rafael Pineyro
Councilwoman Nicole Reinoso

From: Mayor Christi Fraga

Subject: Senator Bryan Avila, Senate Bill 1008

Introduction:

Florida Senate Bill 1008 (2025), introduced by Senator Avila, aims to prohibit local governments and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection from issuing construction permits for new solid waste disposal facilities or waste-to-energy facilities in specified areas. This legislation will protect the City of Doral from the installation of a new waste to energy incinerator within city limits.

Issue:

The placement of waste-to-energy facilities in urban and residential areas raises significant health, environmental, and quality-of-life concerns. In the past ten (10) years the City of Doral has experienced a boom in its residential and commercial population. Areas that were once sparsely populated and heavily industrial, are now thriving in mixed residential and commercial areas. In 2023, the Covanta Waste-to-Energy Incinerator caught fire. It's closed proximity to residential and commercial zones and caused health and economic harm to Doral's residents and business owners. Supporting SB 1008, will protect our residents and commercial owners, by ensuring that any installation of a waste to energy incinerator occur outside of a ½ mile radius of residential and commercial areas.

Fiscal Impact: None

Recommendation:

I strongly encourage the City Council to adopt a resolution in support of SB 1008, and a transmittal of the resolution to our Miami-Dade County State Legislators.

Enclosures:

- Resolution in support of Senate Bill 1008
- Exhibit "A" Senate Bill 1008