



CITY OF DORAL COUNCIL MEETING MEMORANDUM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

ITEM TITLE:

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A FISCAL TRANSITION POLICY FOR COUNCIL OFFICE BUDGETS; PROVIDING FOR APPLICABILITY; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

BRIEF HISTORY:

The City of Doral's fiscal year begins on October 1 of each year. Under the current budgeting process, each Council Office receives a new annual allocation at the start of the fiscal year regardless of whether the elected official occupying that office will continue serving after the November election.

Historically, there have been instances where an elected official who is either term-limited or seeking reelection has expended a substantial portion, or all, of the newly appropriated annual budget during the month of October. As a result, should a new member assume that office following the November election, the incoming official begins his or her term with little or no remaining budget to perform official City business for the remainder of the fiscal year.

This practice creates an inequitable transition between elected officials and undermines the intent of appropriating funds to support the Office of the Council Seat rather than any individual officeholder.

This proposed ordinance establishes reasonable safeguards to ensure taxpayer funds remain available for the office throughout the fiscal year while preserving the ability of the incumbent to perform legitimate governmental duties during the remainder of his or her term.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION: (IF APPLICABLE)

Date:	Resolution/Ordinance No.	Comments

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

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

☒ \$50,000.00 or less

*Council Meeting
August 12, 2026*

☐ \$50,000.00 or more

RECOMMENDATION:

I respectfully request your support in approving the proposed ordinance establishing fiscal transition guidelines governing the expenditure of Council Office budgets during the period immediately preceding the expiration of an elected official's term of office.

The purpose of this ordinance is to:

- Protect taxpayer resources from excessive expenditures immediately preceding a transition in office.
- Ensure continuity of governmental operations.
- Preserve sufficient funding for newly elected officials to carry out their official duties.
- Promote transparency, accountability, and responsible fiscal management.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- A. Draft Resolution
- B. Policy