

RESOLUTION No. 25-

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, STREAMLINING THE VICE MAYOR ROLE IN ORDER TO AVOID CONFUSION AND PROMOTE FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City of Doral (“City”) operates under a Mayor-Council-Manager form of government, which provides for a governing board composed of an elected mayor and four councilpersons; and

WHEREAS, the City Charter provides that the Mayor is the head of the City’s government and the official representative before all government entities; and

WHEREAS, the City Charter provides for the position of Vice Mayor, which is tasked to a Councilmember on an annual basis according to a set rotational schedule; and

WHEREAS, the Vice Mayor position is not an elected role, but one that is enjoyed by all Councilmembers on a temporary, rotational assignment for the unique purpose of serving as the Mayor’s substitute during the Mayor’s absence or incapacity; and

WHEREAS, unless the Mayor is absent or incapacitated, the Vice Mayor does not have any additional or special responsibilities other than those provided to all other councilpersons; and

WHEREAS, it is important that the City’s policies be represented by one unified voice, delivered by the Mayor, as provided in the City’s Charter; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to ensure fair and equal treatment of all Councilmembers, establish protocols to prevent public confusion regarding the Vice Mayor’s temporary role, and maintain fiscal responsibility; and

WHEREAS, during the December 18, 2024 Special Council Meeting, the Mayor and Council passed Resolution 24-273, in furtherance of the City's goal of streamlining the Vice Mayor's durational role, as a substitute in the event of the Mayor's incapacity or unavailability; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to ensure that clarity on the use of the Vice Mayor's title as exclusive for events relating to the Mayor's absence, consistent with the City Charter, are provided to the City Staff; and

WHEREAS, these instructions include removal of the title of Vice Mayor on any billboards, park-benches, construction signs, media postings, mailings, or any advertisement that would require the expenditure of tax-payer dollars; and

WHEREAS, these measures are consistent with sound fiscal policies, and in no way infringe on any rights that a current or future Vice Mayor may have to exercise their role in the event of the Mayor's incapacity or absence.

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 part hereof by this reference.

Section 2. Establishing Guardrails on the Office of Vice Mayor. All members of the City Council shall be equally identified as "Councilmember" in public communications, materials, and official documentation. The rotating Vice-Mayor position shall be identified in City publication alongside the designated councilperson's title, in the following manner (Councilmember/Vice Mayor).

Section 3. Cost Reductions. The City shall eliminate unnecessary costs associated with the rotating Vice Mayor position, including but not limited to the production of stationery, apparel, materials, promotional items, and marketing materials specifically identifying the rotating Vice Mayoral office.

Section 4. Protocol for Rotating Vice Mayor. All protocols for communication and representation shall remain consistent and equal across all Councilmembers.

Section 5. Implementation. The City Manager is directed to take all necessary steps to implement this resolution, including adjustments to City policies, communication guidelines, and administrative practices to ensure compliance.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Councilwoman Nicole Reinoso.

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 12 day of March, 2025.

CHRISTI FRAGA, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CONNIE DIAZ, MMC
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY
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