

ORDINANCE No. 2025-14

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, AMENDING ARTICLE III, “BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS,” IN CHAPTER 2, “ADMINISTRATION,” OF THE CITY’S CODE OF ORDINANCES; REVISING THE SUNSET PROVISION AND APPOINTMENT REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION INTO THE CODE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, since the inception of the City of Doral (the “City”), the City Council has created, from time to time, various advisory boards, committees, and commissions (generally, the “Advisory Boards”) to advise and support the City Council in the development of policies, programs, projects, and events in a variety of subject areas for the benefit of the City; and

WHEREAS, the successive creation of the Advisory Boards has created differing rules, policies, and procedures; and

WHEREAS, the City Charter was amended in November 5, 2024 to provide that boards, committee and commissions be comprised of five members, and that the Mayor and Councilmembers shall each appoint one member to each board, and the Mayor is to appoint an alternate member for each board; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to revisit and amend the City’s Code to revise the requirements for nominating members and sunset provision; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that amending the City’s Code of Ordinances as provided herein is in the best interest of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED 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. Code Amended. The Code of Ordinances of the City of Doral is hereby amended as follows:

CHAPTER 2. ADMINISTRATION

ARTICLE III – BOARDS, COMMITTEES, AND COMMISSIONS

DIVISION 1. GENERALLY

Sec. 2-103. – Sunset Provision

~~Each Advisory Board, Committee and Commission shall sunset after being active for a period of two (2) years, unless:~~

- ~~(a) the City Council adopts or readopts an enabling resolution for the Advisory Board, Committee or Commission before the sunset date; and~~
- ~~(b) such enabling resolution specifies a second date on which the particular Advisory Board, Committee or Commission shall again sunset; and~~
- ~~(c) Notwithstanding, the City Council may sunset any Advisory Board, Committee or Commission at any time upon a majority vote.~~

DIVISION 2. RULES & PROCEDURES

Sec. 2-116. Composition and Eligibility

- (a) All Advisory Boards, Committees and Commissions shall consist of five (5) members, appointed as provided in the City Charter. In order to qualify to serve on an Advisory Board, Committee or Commission, an individual must be a resident of the City, be employed in the City and/or own a business in the City. Additionally, except as otherwise provided by law, all Advisory Boards, Committees and Commissions shall have appointed to it by the Mayor, an alternate member to serve in the absence of any one of the five appointed members.
- (b) All Advisory Board, Committee or Commission members shall demonstrate experience and/or possess a background in the subject matter related to the Advisory Board, Committee or Commission in which they are appointed to fill.
- (c) ~~All interested applicants shall attend and sign in at a minimum one (1) public meeting prior to applying to an Advisory Board, Committee or Commission.~~
- (d) (c) All applications, resumes and summaries of related experience received for any Advisory Board, Committee or Commission, shall be submitted to the City Council to allow the City Council to determine eligibility.
- (e) (d) Individuals that have been convicted of a misdemeanor of a crime involving moral turpitude or a felony, shall not be allowed to serve on an Advisory Board,

Committee or Commission. Individuals who have been the subject of civil proceeding(s) that would impair their ability to carry out their duties, or that puts into question their ability to serve on a specific Advisory Board, Committee or Commission, shall not be allowed to serve.

~~(f)~~(e)All applications shall include a statement affirming that the applicant meets the requirements of eligibility stated herein. Should there be a violation, the member shall be subject to removal by the City Council.

Section 3. Implementation. The City Manager, City Clerk, and City Attorney are hereby authorized and directed to implement the provisions of this Ordinance and to take any and all necessary administrative actions as may be appropriate by their position to execute the purpose of this Ordinance.

Section 4. Incorporation into the Code. The provisions of this Ordinance, to the extent appropriate, shall become and be made a part of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Doral. The City Clerk is authorized to take all actions necessary to incorporate the provisions of this Ordinance into the Code of Ordinances, including, but not limited to, renumbering or relettering sections and to change and that the word "ordinance" may be changes to "section," "article," or such other appropriate word or phrase in order to accomplish such intention.

Section 5. Severability. The provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable and if any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance shall for any reason be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, sentences, clauses, and phrases of this Ordinance but they shall remain in effect, it being the legislative intent that this Ordinance shall stand notwithstanding the invalidity of any part.

Section 6. Conflicts. All ordinances or parts of ordinances, resolution or parts of resolutions, in conflict herewith, are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 7. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption on second reading.

The Prime Sponsor for this Ordinance is Mayor Christi Fraga.

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 16 day of April, 2025.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on SECOND READING this 14 day of May, 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:

LORENZO COBIELLA
GASTESI, LOPEZ, MESTRE & COBIELLA, PLLC
CITY ATTORNEY

CODING: Additions to existing text are shown by underline, changes to existing text on second reading are shown by double underline, and deletions are shown as ~~strike through~~.