

ORDINANCE No. 2023-06

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, AMENDING SECTION 2-387 OF CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE VII, DIVISION 1 OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES, TITLED "SECURITY SCREENING AT VISITING CITY HALL", TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT IN SUBSECTION 4 REQUIRING VISITORS TO SIGN IN ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF CITY HALL; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION INTO THE CODE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, Section 2-387 of the Code of Ordinances (the "Code") for the City of Doral (the "City") sets forth security screening requirements for individuals visiting city hall; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2-387 of the Code, individuals visiting city hall are required to enter solely through the main first floor lobby, and are further required to present a Government issued ID, obtain a visitor badge, and identify their designated point of contact before being permitted to enter city hall; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-387 of the Code further provides that visitors to the third floor are required to sign in on the third floor; and

WHEREAS, the City finds it necessary and in the best interest of the citizens of the City to amend its existing security screening requirements to eliminate the requirement that individuals visiting the third floor of city hall sign in on the third floor; and

WHEREAS, the additional sign-in requirement on the third floor is unnecessary as visitors are already required to be screened at the first floor reception desk, and identify with whom they will be meeting, which satisfies the primary purposes of Section 2-387 of the Code, which are transparency and safety; and

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WHEREAS, by eliminating the sign in requirement for visitors to the third floor, residents of the City and visitors to city hall will be provided easier access to the City's administration and elected officials, in furtherance of a more accessible and responsive government.

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 Section 2-387 of the City's Code of Ordinances.
Section 2-387 of Chapter 2, Article VIII, Division 1 of the City of Doral's Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 2-387. - Security screening at visiting city hall.

To ensure complete transparency in all city business and further ensure the safety of employees and visitors all visitors must check in at the 1st floor reception desk of city hall. All visitors are required to go through the security screening process in the main lobby, including:

- (1) Present a valid, Government issued ID.
- (2) The ~~public service aid~~ designated staff will sign the visitor in, take photo, and issue a visitor badge which must be prominently displayed at all times above the waist.
- (3) The ~~public service aid~~ designated staff will contact the visitor's designated point of contact (POC) for confirmation of the visitor, and their arrival.
- ~~(4) Visitors to the third floor must sign in on the third floor.~~
- ~~(5)~~ (4) All visitors must enter the building through the main lobby.

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~~(6)~~ (5) No visitor may enter the building without a visitor's badge.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the screening requirements described in this section shall not apply to members of the public seeking to attend publicly noticed meetings.

Section 3. Repealer. All ordinances, or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith be, and the same, are hereby repealed.

Section 4. Severability. If any section, subsection, clause or provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder shall not be affected by such invalidity.

Section 5. Incorporation Into in the Code. It is the intention of the Mayor and the City Commission, and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and made a part of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Doral; that the sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or re-lettered to accomplish such intentions; and that the word "Ordinance" shall be changed to "Section" or other appropriate word, as required.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance will become effective ten (10) days after adoption at second reading.

The foregoing Ordinance was offered by Vice Mayor Pineyro who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Puig-Corve upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Mayor Christi Fraga	Yes
Vice Mayor Rafael Pineyro	Yes
Councilwoman Digna Cabral	Yes
Councilwoman Maureen Porras	Yes
Councilman Oscar Puig-Corve	Yes

PASSED AND ADOPTED on FIRST READING this 8 day of March, 2023.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on SECOND READING this 12 day of April, 2023.



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:



VALERIE VICENTE, ESQ. for
NABORS, GIBLIN & NICKERSON, P.A.
INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY

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