RESOLUTION 2007-31

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA EXPRESSLY INCORPORATING AND ADOPTING THE LOBBYIST RULES AND REGULATIONS AS PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION 2-11.1(S) OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND CODE OF ETHICS ORDINANCE; AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO ADOPT PROCEDURES AND POLICIES; REQUIRING ANY AND ALL STAFF, MEMBERS OF ADVISORY BOARDS AND ELECTED OFFICIALS TO INFORM THE CLERK WHEN CONTACTED BY AN INDIVIDUAL ENGAGED IN LOBBYING ACTIVITIES IN ORDER TO CONFIRM PROPER REGISTRATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Doral supports ethical and open government and desires to ensure that individuals who are engaged in lobbyist activities are fully and properly regulated; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-11.1(s) of the Miami-Dade County Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance expressly provides registration and other requirements for lobbyists in order to ensure open government; and

WHEREAS, by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Doral will make clear that the registration requirements of that Ordinance must be complied with and, further, ensures that anyone associated with the City through employment or being a member of a board, will report any and all lobbyist activities to the City Clerk to ensure compliance with the Ordinance and City policy; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Doral finds that the passage of this Resolution is in the best interests of its citizenry and supports ethical and open government;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA THAT:

<u>Section 1</u>. The foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a part of this Resolution upon adoption hereof.

Section 2. The City Council of the City of Doral expressly adopts and incorporates Section 2-11.1(s) of the Miami-Dade County Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance and requires, consistent with that Ordinance, that all lobbyists pay an annual fee of \$490.00, as may be amended from time to time, consistent with the County Ordinance.

Section 3. This Resolution also expressly authorizes the City Clerk to draft relevant policies and procedures including, but not limited to, a requirement that all City staff, Board members and elected officials immediately report to the City Clerk when they are contacted by lobbyists to ensure compliance with the Ordinance and City policy.

<u>Section 4.</u> This Resolution shall become effective upon its passage and adoption by the City Council.

WHEREAS, a motion to approve the Resolution was offered by Vice Mayor Cabrera who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman DiPietro and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Mayor Juan Carlos Bermudez	Yes
Vice Mayor Peter Cabrera	Yes
Councilmember Michael DiPietro	Yes
Councilwoman Sandra Ruiz	Yes
Councilmember Robert Van Name	Yes

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of June, 2007.

JUAN CARLOS BERMUDEZ, MAYOR

ATTEST:

BARBARA HERRERA, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY FOR THE SOLE USE OF THE CITY OF DORAL:

JOHN J. HEARN, CITY AFFORNEY