

ORDINANCE #2014-23

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY CODE BY AMENDING ARTICLE I, "IN GENERAL," IN CHAPTER 14, "ELECTIONS", REQUIRING THE RESIGNATION OF CITY EMPLOYEES WHO SEEK ELECTIVE CITY OFFICE AT; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION INTO THE CITY CODE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council further desires to maintain the integrity of the electoral process as it relates to City employees; and

WHEREAS, City employees have regular contact with City residents, business owners and City vendors and have decision making authority over the residents', business owners' and City vendors' issues which can lead to a conflict of interest if the City employee were simultaneously seeking elective office; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council continue seeking ways to avoid any such actual or perceived conflicts of interest; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council believe that policies contained herein to strengthen the separation between City employees and candidates for municipal office are in the best interest of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND 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 by amending Section 14-1 thereof as follows :

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CHAPTER 14. ELECTIONS

ARTICLE I – IN GENERAL

Sec. 14-1. Employees prohibited from seeking elective city office.

(a) Definitions. The following words . . .

Seeking elective office shall mean the filing with the City Clerk of State of Florida Department of State, Division of Elections Form DS-DE 9, "Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Candidates," and/or such other documentation as may be prescribed law, which allows for the commencement of a campaign for elective city office and the collection of money therefor ~~qualifying as a candidate for city elective office pursuant to section 14-19 of the City Code.~~

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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.

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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

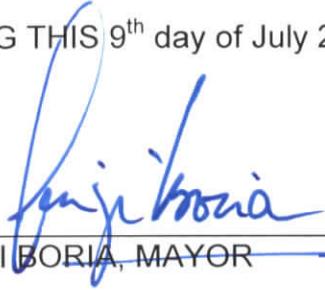
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The foregoing Ordinance was offered by Councilmember Ruiz, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Fraga and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Mayor Luigi Boria	Yes
Vice Mayor Christi Fraga	Yes
Councilwoman Ana Maria Rodriguez	Yes
Councilwoman Bettina Rodriguez Aguilera	Yes
Councilwoman Sandra Ruiz	Yes

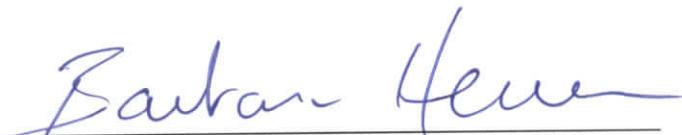
PASSED AND ADOPTED on FIRST READING THIS 11th day of June 2014.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on FIRST READING THIS 9th day of July 2014.



LUIGI BORIA, MAYOR

ATTEST:



BARBARA HERRERA, CITY CLERK

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



WEISS SEROTA HELFMAN PASTORIZA COLE & BONISKE, PL
CITY ATTORNEY

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