ORDINANCE #2013-07

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA CREATING SECTION ______ OF THE CITY OF DORAL CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED SPECIAL NEEDS ADVISORY BOARD; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CITY CODE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City of Doral recognizes the importance of including the special needs community in its programs and priorities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Doral believes that it is important to involve members of the special needs community in community activities in a meaningful way; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to provide a platform from which residents with autism, blind residents, physically disabled residents and the elderly can involve themselves with City programs and suggest appropriate programming for City facilities and special events; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it in the best interest of the residents of Doral to establish a Special Needs Advisory Board,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF DORAL, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section ____ of the City Code of the City of Doral is hereby created to read as follows:

Section ____. Establishment of Board.

The Special Needs Advisory Board (the "Board") is hereby created.

Section ____. Composition; Appointment; Term of members

The Board shall consist of seven members appointed consistently with the provisions of Chapter 2, Article III of the City Code. To the extent possible, the following areas should be represented by the members of the Board with expertise in such areas:

- 1. Developmental Special Needs.
- 2. Physical Special Needs.
- 3. Seniors.
- 4. Women's Issues such as domestic violence.
- 5. <u>Emotional Special Needs.</u>
- 6. Children

Section ____. Powers and Duties.

The powers and duties of the police advisory board shall include the following:

- (1) Hold public hearings in order to solicit public input regarding Special Needs services and programs;
- (2) Serve as a liaison between the City and the special needs community;
- (3) Encourage individuals and community groups to assist the City in the implementation of programs and services catering to the special needs community;
- (4) Make an annual report to the mayor, city manager and city council regarding its activities;
- (5) Any other duties which the city council may, in the future, request.

Section ____. Meetings; Selection of Officers.

- (1) The Board shall hold such meetings as may be necessary to carry out its purpose and duties as called by its Chairman or the City Council. All meetings of the Board shall be open to the public, minutes of each meeting shall be promptly recorded, and such records shall be open for public inspection.
- (2) The Board shall select a chairperson, a vice-chairperson and secretary from among its members.

Section ____. Removal.

The City Council shall have the authority to remove any member of the Board for misconduct, or for more than three unexcused absences in any one calendar year.

<u>Section 2.</u> Repeal of Conflicting Provisions. To the extent any provisions of the Code conflict with this Chapter, those provisions are repealed in their entirety.

Section 3. 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.

<u>Section 4.</u> <u>Inclusion in the Code.</u> It is the intention of the City Council, and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of the City of Doral, Florida; that the sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or relettered to accomplish such intentions; and that the word "Ordinance" shall be changed to "Section" or other appropriate word.

<u>Section 5.</u> <u>Effective Date.</u> This Ordinance shall be effective upon adoption on second reading.

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

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED on FIRST READING this 13th day of February, 2013.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on SECOND READING this 18th day of March, 2013.

LUIGI BORIA, MAYOR

ATTEST:

BARBARA HERRERA, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

JIMMY L MORALES, CITY ATTORNEY