



CITY OF DORAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

All residents, property owners and other interested parties are hereby notified of a **COUNCIL ZONING MEETING** on **March 24, 2021, beginning at 10:30 AM.**

General Public Comments: members of the public that wish to provide comments in writing may do so by emailing the City Clerk at cityclerk@cityofdoral.com. Comments must be submitted with your name and full address by **Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at 5:00 pm**. The comments will be circulated to the elected officials and administration, as well as remain as a part of the record for the meeting.

Public Hearing Comments (Pre-Registration): interested parties that wish to speak on the Public Hearing item(s) **ONLY**, must register by **Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at 5:00 pm** via this link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/683914237250897935>

Those individuals who do not register in advance will not be permitted to speak.

NOTE: Personal opinions and general statements are not considered "substantial competent evidence" for the record, and such testimony can have no effect on the Mayor and Council's final decision.

The meeting will be broadcasted live for members of the public to view on the City of Doral's website (<https://www.cityofdoral.com/government/city-clerk/council-meetings>) as well as Channel 77 and Facebook Live.

The City of Doral proposes to adopt the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE No. 2021-09

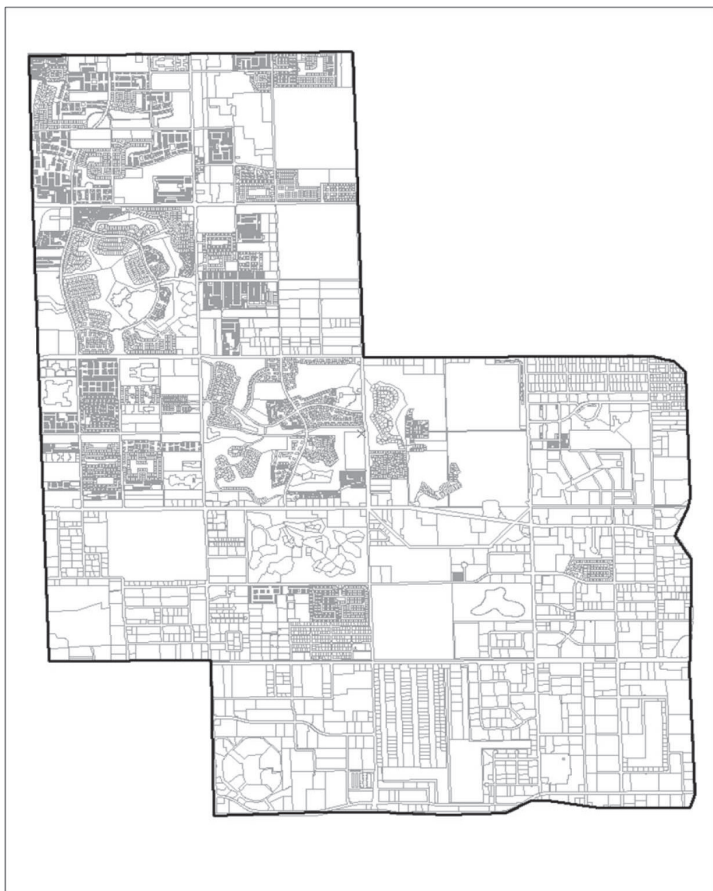
AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, APPROVING/DENYING TEXT AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF DORAL LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, CHAPTER 71 "LANDSCAPING AND BUFFERS," REVISING SECTION 71-114 "MAINTENANCE OF RIGHT-OF-WAY"; ELIMINATING THE REQUIREMENT OF A COVENANT OR THE CREATION OF A SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT TO MAINTAIN TREES, PLANTS AND/OR SOD WITHIN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

HEARING NO.: 21-03-DOR-05

APPLICANT: City of Doral

REQUEST: The City of Doral (the "Applicant") is requesting Mayor and City Council approval of an amendment to Chapter 71 "Landscaping and Buffers" of the City's Land Development Code, revising Section 71-114 "Maintenance of Right-of-Way," eliminating the requirement of a covenant or the creation of a special taxing to maintain trees, plants and sod within the right-of-way.

Location Map



Inquiries regarding the item may be directed to the Planning and Zoning Department at 305-59-DORAL.

Pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes If a person decides to appeal any decisions made by the City Council with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings and, for such purpose, may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. This notice does not constitute consent by the City for introduction or admission of otherwise inadmissible or irrelevant evidence, nor does it authorize challenges or appeals not otherwise allowed by law. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person who are disabled and who need special accommodations to participate in this meeting because of that disability should contact the Planning and Zoning Department at 305-59-DORAL no later than three (3) business days prior to the proceeding.

Connie Diaz, MMC
City Clerk
City of Doral City of Doral

BANKING/ FINANCE

COVID Bill to Deliver Big Health Insurance Savings for Many



SENATE TELEVISION/ASSOCIATED PRESS

Taken together, the components of the coronavirus bill represent the biggest expansion of federal help for health insurance since the Obama-era Affordable Care Act more than 10 years ago.

by Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar

Several million people stand to save hundreds of dollars in health insurance costs, or more, under the Democratic coronavirus relief legislation on track to pass Congress.

Winners include those covered by "Obamacare" or just now signing up, self-employed people who buy their own insurance and don't currently get federal help, laid-off workers struggling to retain employer coverage, and most anyone collecting unemployment. Also, potentially many more could benefit if about a dozen states accept a Medicaid deal in the legislation.

Taken together, the components of the coronavirus bill represent the biggest expansion of federal help for health insurance since the Obama-era Affordable Care Act more than 10 years ago. Obamacare not only survived President Donald Trump's repeated attempts to tear it down but will now get a shot of new life.

Consider a couple of examples: A hypothetical 45-year-old making \$58,000 now gets no aid under the ACA. With the bill, they'd be entitled to a \$1,250 tax credit, or 20% off their premiums, according to the Congressional Budget Office. A 64-year-old making \$19,300 already gets generous subsidies that reduce premiums to \$800 a year. But with the bill, that person would pay no premiums for a standard plan.

Because health insurance is so complicated, consumers are going to have to do their homework to figure out if there's something in the bill for them. And health care benefits are not like stimulus checks that can be blasted out. There will be a lag as government agencies, insurers and employers unpack the bill's provisions.

There's also a political twist. Since most of the health care aid is keyed to the pandemic and expires by the end of 2022, that will let Democrats set up election-year votes to make new benefits permanent, or build them out even more.

"There was always a hope that we were going to be able to return and build on where we started in 2009-2010, and we finally got to a place where it was possible," said Judy Solomon of the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.

Her organization advocates on behalf of low-income people and was an early supporter of the health care law.

"We had this massive fight that went on for 10 years," said blogger Robert Laszewski, who followed Obamacare for an industry audience. "Over the weekend, it's like it's been erased."

The COVID-19 bill follows President Joe Biden's strategy of building on the health law to move the U.S. toward coverage for all. It's still unclear how big a dent the legislation will make in the number of uninsured people, which has risen to an estimated 33 million or more.

A major health care item in the bill will depend on some Republican-led states going along. States mainly in the South have refused to expand Medicaid to low-income adults under the ACA. The legislation offers them a temporary infusion of billions of dollars to reconsider. If those states, including Texas, Florida and Georgia, were to do that, Biden would be closer to his coverage goal.

Even if the hold-outs spurn the offer, the legislation provides plenty of other benefits.

The biggest winners will be the more than 11 million people already enrolled in Obamacare as well as those who are now shopping for HealthCare.gov coverage. Biden has opened up a special sign-up period through May 15.

The bill would change the formulas for health insurance tax credits to make them more generous for most people, and also allow a wider number of individuals to qualify. That makes coverage more attractive for people who are considering whether to buy and more affordable for those who already have it, mainly low-to-moderate income working people.

Insurers are hoping that the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services will be able to quickly update HealthCare.gov software, allowing the companies to promote lower premiums and attract more consumers while the current sign-up window remains open. Industry also wants the agency to automatically adjust what existing customers are paying, sparing millions the headache of having to go back and reapply.

Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar reports for the Associated Press.