

ORDINANCE NO. 2004-04

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, in accordance with Florida Statute 165.043, which provides that a municipality may by ordinance adopt an official municipal seal to be affixed on all official actions or documents of the City and to identify and authenticate documents, the City Manager has recommended the adoption of this ordinance;

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

Section 1. That the Code of the City of Doral, Florida is hereby amended by adding a new article which shall read as follows:

ARTICLE ____ . OFFICIAL SEAL

Sec. 1. **Official Seal Defined.** As used herein, the official seal of the City of Doral, Florida shall mean the following identifying symbol:



Sec. 2. Execution and Acknowledgment of Written Instruments.

Whenever it shall be necessary for the City under the authority of its City Council, City Manager, City Charter, Code of Ordinances, or the general laws of the State of Florida, to execute contracts, deeds, or other documents on behalf of the City, the official seal of the City shall be affixed to such contract, deed or other document.

Sec. 3. Prohibition. It shall be unlawful and a violation of this section for any person, firm, corporation or other legal entity to print for the purpose of sale or distribution or circulate, manufacture, publish, use, display, or offer for sale any letters, papers, documents, or items of merchandise which simulate the official seal of the City or the stationery or a real or fictitious agency, department or instrumentality of the City of Doral without the expressed written authority of the City Council or its designee. The unauthorized use shall be punishable as provided in Florida Statutes 775.082 and 775.083.

Sec. 4. Exceptions. The provisions of this section shall not be applicable to the City of Doral, its agencies, departments, instrumentalities, quasi-judicial and advisory bodies, acting within the scope of their official capacities.

Section 2. 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 3. Inclusion in the Code. It is the intention of the City Council, and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and made a part of the City of Doral Code; 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.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective upon adoption on second reading.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Councilwoman Ruiz, 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
Councilman Michael DiPietro	yes
Councilwoman Sandra Ruiz	yes
Councilman Robert Van Name	yes

PASSED and ADOPTED on first reading this 14th day of April, 2004.

PASSED and ADOPTED on second reading this 12th day of May, 2004.




Juan Carlos Bermudez, MAYOR

ATTEST:



Sheila Paul, CMC, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



John Hearn, ESQ, CITY ATTORNEY