

RESOLUTION No. 19-128

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, OPPOSING TRUCK WEIGHT OR
LENGTH INCREASES; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION;
PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN
EFFECTIVE DATE**

WHEREAS, The City of Doral is concerned with the welfare of motorists and the cost, quality and reliability of our nation's infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the trucking industry is an important part of the nation's economy and safely sized and weighted trucks are vital to truck drivers to conduct their essential work in a safe and responsible manner; and

WHEREAS, twenty-seven percent of Florida's major roads are in poor or mediocre condition. Driving on roads in need of repair costs Florida motorists \$5.2 billion a year in extra vehicle repairs and operating costs – \$352 per motorist, (TRIP); and

WHEREAS, there are 4,045 bridges that are in fair/poor condition, according to the 2017 Federal Highway Administration—that is 1 out of every 3 bridges statewide. We do not have the funds to adequately maintain our deteriorating roads and bridges and allowing heavier and longer trucks would make this problem even worse: and

WHEREAS, today's 80,000-pound trucks accelerate the deterioration of road surfaces and bridges but only repay approximately 80 percent of the damage they cause; and

WHEREAS, allowing heavier trucks to operate would add new costs and proposed 97,000-pound trucks would only repay 50 percent of the damage they cause; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2000 USDOT Comprehensive Truck Size and Weight Study found that multi-trailer trucks have an **11 percent higher fatal crash rate** than single-trailer trucks. Double 33s take 252 feet to stop—22 feet longer than today’s twin-trailer configuration and that tractor trailer trucks with more than one trailer had an 11% higher fatal collision rate when compared with single tractor-trailer trucks;

WHEREAS, heavier trucks tend to have a higher center of gravity, which increases the risk of rollovers;

WHEREAS, government highway cost allocation studies show that increases in truck size and weight would exacerbate the existing underpayment of heavy trucks and increase their subsidization by municipalities and counties, amounting to an unfunded mandate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED 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 part hereof by this reference.

Section 3. Transmittal. The City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit this Resolution to such individuals as deemed appropriate, to ensure that the City’s position with this regard is clearly received and understood.

Section 2. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

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

Mayor Juan Carlos Bermudez	Yes
Vice Mayor Claudia Mariaca	Yes
Councilwoman Digna Cabral	Yes
Councilman Pete Cabrera	Yes
Councilwoman Christi Fraga	Yes

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 8 day of May, 2019.



JUAN CARLOS BERMUDEZ, MAYOR

ATTEST:



CONNIE DIAZ, MMC
CITY CLERK

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



LUIS FIGUEREDO, ESQ.
CITY ATTORNEY