

**ORDINANCE No. 2019-30**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING A NINETY (90) DAY PERMIT EXPIRATION RENEWAL AMNESTY PERIOD COMMENCING WITH THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND AUTHORIZING THE REACTIVATION (RENEWAL) OF EXPIRED PUBLIC WORKS PERMITS WITHOUT PENALTIES AND REDUCTION OF RENEWAL FEES; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION INTO THE CODE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Doral reviews and permits construction and works within the Public Rights-of-Way and easements in order to confirm all work adheres to a standard of safety for the residents of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, through inadvertence, economic climate, or circumstances beyond the control of the person or entity that pulled the permit, permits issued by the City's Public Works Department have lapsed and the construction work or development activity authorized thereby has not been finalized or inspected; and

**WHEREAS**, in those instances the City has been unable to finalize the permit for the corresponding construction work or development activity; and

**WHEREAS**, un-finished, incomplete or uninspected construction work or development activity poses a risk to the health, safety and welfare to the residents of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to establish an amnesty period to encourage any person or entities who may have allowed a public works permit to lapse to reactivate (renew) the lapsed permit to allow for the completion of the construction work or development activity in question.

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

**Section 1. RECITALS.** The recitals and findings contained in the Preamble to this Ordinance are adopted and incorporated as if fully set forth in this Section.

**Chapter 74 - MISCELLANEOUS AND SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS**

**Article XIII – PERMIT AMNESTY PROGRAM**

**Section 74-**

**1.** This program shall apply to all City issued public works permits which have lapsed through inadvertence, economic climate, or circumstances beyond the control of the person or entity that pulled the permit.

**2.** There is hereby created a ninety (90) day amnesty period commencing on November 20, 2019. Within the Amnesty Period, any person who has a City public works permit that was issued or has lapsed on or before January 1, 2014 may reactivate (renew) the expired public works permit without penalty.

**3.** Notwithstanding any contrary provision of the City Code, the Public Works Director is authorized to reduce the renewal fee for permits that exceed six (6) months from the original permit issued date from one hundred percent (100%) to fifty percent (50%) of the original Public Works Permit Fee, but not less than the \$80 minimum review fee, as set forth in the City Code.

**4.** Re-inspection Fees shall be assessed in the amount of \$60 per inspection.

**5.** Furthermore, all renewals must be submitted with a set of approved plans. The Public Works Director is authorized to substitute the Last, Revised, and Re-inspection Fees, a fee assessed in the amount of twenty percent (20%) of the original

Base Public Works Permit Fee and apply the Cost of Record Fees for the reproduction of renewal required documents.

6. The Amnesty applicant shall be responsible for all applicable Miami-Dade County and State of Florida Surcharges as set forth in the City Code Fee Schedule.

7. When a change of contractor or qualifier is required to renew the expired permit, the Public Works Director shall waive the Change of Contractor or Qualifier Fee of \$140.

**Section 2. 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 3. 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 re-lettering 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.

**Section 4. 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 5. Conflicts.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances, resolution or parts of resolutions, in conflict herewith, are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**Section 6. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become effective upon adoption on second reading.


The foregoing Ordinance was offered by Councilmember Cabrera who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cabral upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED on FIRST READING this 8 day of October, 2019.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on SECOND READING this 19 day of November, 2019.

  
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 JUAN CARLOS BERMUDEZ, MAYOR

ATTEST:  
  
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 CONNIE DIAZ, MMC  
 CITY CLERK

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

  
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 LUIS FIGUEREDO, ESQ.  
 CITY ATTORNEY