



## CITY OF DORAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

All residents, property owners and other interested parties are hereby notified of a **COUNCIL ZONING MEETING** on **April 28, 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](mailto:cityclerk@cityofdoral.com). Comments must be submitted with your name and full address by **Tuesday, April 27, 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, April 27, 2021 at 5:00 pm** via this link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2550983937261710605>

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. 2021-10

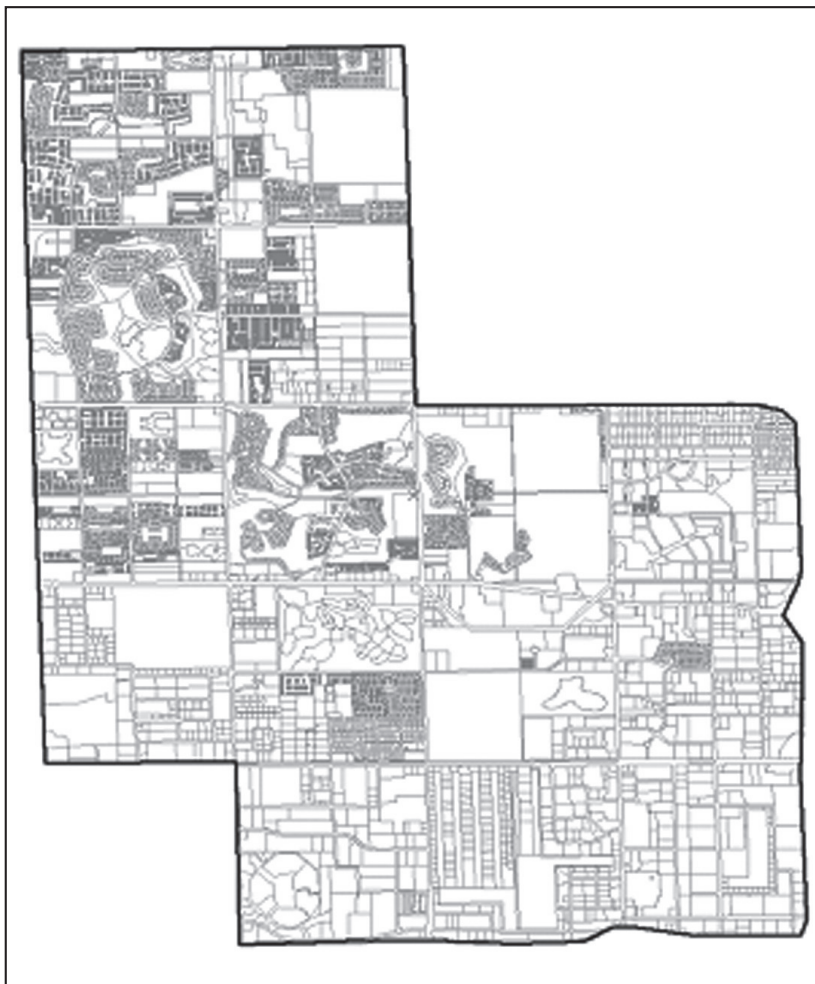
**AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, APPROVING/DENYING TEXT AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF DORAL LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, CHAPTER 77 "ROADS AND VEHICULAR USE AREAS," TO REVISE SECTION 77-88 "VARIANCES"; TO ALLOW THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TO APPROVE MINOR VARIANCES FROM CHAPTER 77 OF THE CITY'S CODE ADMINISTRATIVELY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**HEARING NO.:** 21-04-DOR-12

**APPLICANT:** City of Doral

**REQUEST:** The City of Doral (the "Applicant") is requesting Mayor and City Council approval of an amendment to Chapter 77 "Roads and Vehicular Use Areas," revising Section 77-88 "Variances" to allow the Public Works Department to approve minor variances from Chapter 77 of the City's Code administratively.

#### 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

## COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE

# Amazon to Occupy 8 Out Of 10 Top Industrial Projects This Year

by Lynn Pollack

Amazon distribution centers will account for 8 of the top 10 largest industrial projects underway in the US this year, with a total footprint of 28.3 million square feet—an area about the size of New York City's Central Park.

Data from Commercial Edge shows the e-commerce giant is constructing four warehouses totaling 14.8 million square feet in Colorado Springs; Suffolk, Va.; Mt. Juliet, Tenn.; and San Diego. The company is set to lease 13.5 million square feet in deals with Fortress Investment Group (Little Rock), Dermody Properties (Wilmington, De.), and Seefried Industrial Properties (Pflugerville, Tex.).

Industrial development ramped up last year to meet the demands of WFH consumers sheltering in place, with nearly 276 million square feet added across 915 properties, according to the report. Dallas and Phoenix topped the list of prime locations for industrial growth, with both cities ushering in more than 25 million square feet of new industrial space. All told, the 2020 construction totals were nearly double that of the 2019 pipeline.

As of March 1, CommercialEdge predicted industrial completions to increase by 24% year over year, up to 342 million square feet across 1,040 properties. That's a five-year high, according to the CommercialSearch analysis and the size of Chicago's O'Hare Airport.

And Dallas is expected to again lead the way this year, adding an estimated 8% of the nationwide total with 28 million square feet and 79 projects. The region has enjoyed a record run as one of the top industrial markets in the country from a growth perspective, delivering 33.7 million square feet from the fourth quarter 2019 to third quarter 2020. DFW Airport is one of the most popular submarkets in the region.

"Investors are highly attracted to the DFW airport due to its proximity to the general rapidly rising population, as well as the growing importance of the airport as a freight hub of the South Central region," Peter Kroner, investor research, industrial, JLL, told GlobeSt.com in a previous interview. "Additionally, the broadening buyer pool launching investment into industrial assets is highly competitive, and this asset proves that the increased competition has driven investor interest in assets on ground leases near airport proximity."

Phoenix, Chicago, and the Inland Empire in Southern California follow closely behind Dallas.

"Clearly, the pandemic has accelerated the shift toward e-commerce, and it's evident in the industrial completions data," the CommercialSearch report notes. Logistics and deliveries have never been this important and, at least for 2021, it looks like they will remain as such."

Lynn Pollack reports for GlobeSt.com.

# Domino's Rolls Out Autonomous Delivery Concept in Houston

by Lynn Pollack

Pizza lovers in Houston have an entirely new delivery option the next time cravings strike: delivery by robot vehicle.

Domino's is piloting a new autonomous delivery service in the Texas city using self-driving delivery company Nuro's R2, a completely autonomous, occupantless on-road delivery vehicle approved by the US Department of Transportation.

Select customers who place a prepaid website order from a Domino's store in Houston's Woodland Heights can choose to have their order delivered by R2, and they'll then receive text alerts updating them on R2's location. They can also track the vehicle via GPS on their order confirmation page. Once R2 arrives, customers will be prompted to enter a unique PIN on the bot's touchscreen, which will signal R2 to open and deliver their order.

"We're excited to continue innovating the delivery experience for Domino's customers by testing autonomous delivery with Nuro in Houston," said Dennis Maloney, Domino's senior vice president and chief innovation officer. "There is still so much for our brand to learn about the autonomous delivery space. This program will allow us to better understand how customers respond to the deliveries, how they interact with the robot and how it affects store operations."

The partnership is the latest in a string of retail entrants to the autonomous delivery space. In November, Walmart announced a partnership with Cruise, a self-driving car company that operates a fleet of all-electric vehicles, to

deliver contactless orders to customers in Scottsdale, Az. The retail giant also announced a similar Houston-based partnership with Nuro for autonomous grocery delivery in December 2019.

Experts agree that autonomous technology has the potential to completely reshape brick-and-mortar and e-commerce dynamics.

"Look for a surge in such small-package delivery services—particularly from retailers who have the resources to buy a fleet of driverless cars or can sign on with companies that can deploy large fleets for hire—whether that's Uber, Lyft, UPS or some company not yet in existence," a NPD report forecast last year.

A potential downside for retailers, of course, is that increased adoption of contactless and autonomous shopping is that fewer people will visit physical stores. But NPD notes that retailers could incentivize visits by offering deep discounts for in-person visits or create an otherwise engaging experience for customers.

The technology is already being adopted by logistics companies, many of which are already piloting driverless vehicles inside massive warehouses, port facilities and intermodal yards.

"I think that, given the spotlight that the pandemic has put on the fragile nature of our global supply chain, automation and robotics will gain a lot of attention," Rich Thompson, international director, supply chain and logistics at JLL, told GlobeSt.com in an earlier interview. "And for anyone interested in those investments, it will just accelerate that interest."

Lynn Pollack reports for GlobeSt.com.