



CITY OF DORAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

All residents, property owners and other interested parties are hereby notified of a **COUNCIL ZONING MEETING** on **May 19, 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, May 18, 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, May 18, 2021 at 5:00 pm** via this link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8692485354599901197>

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. 2021-18

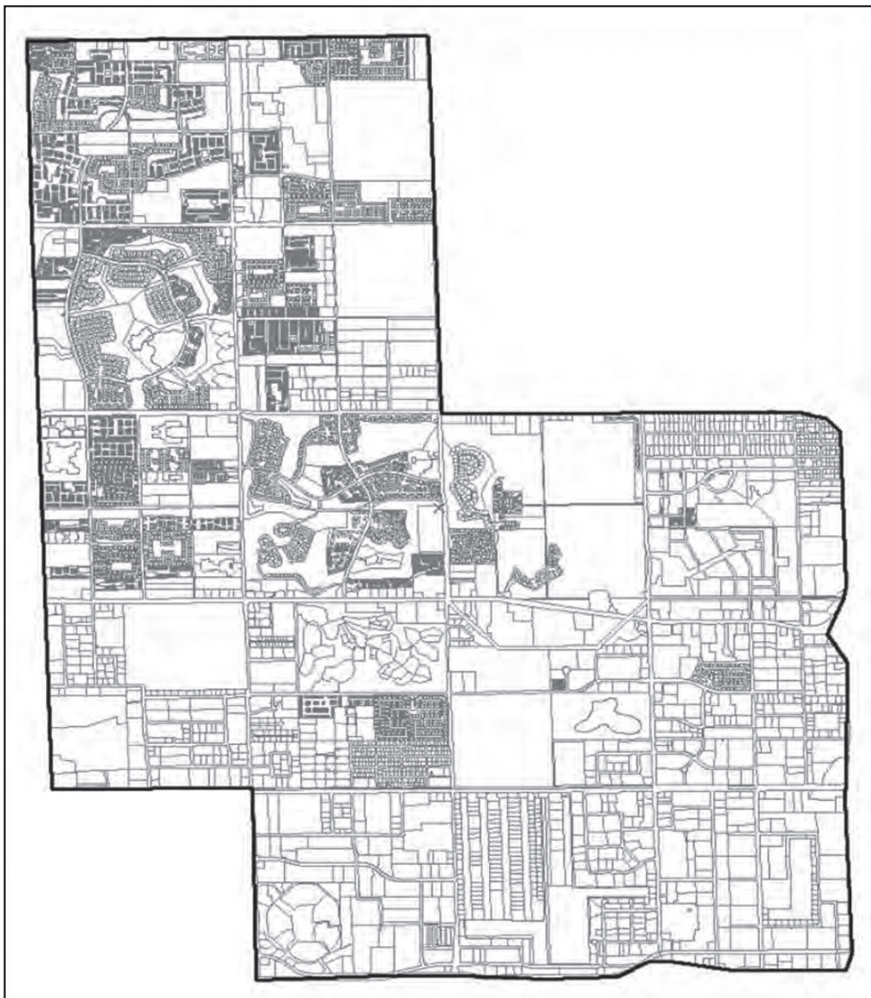
AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, APPROVING/DENYING A TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF DORAL LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, CHAPTER 75, "PUBLIC ARTS PROGRAM," CREATING ARTICLE II, ENTITLED "MURALS" TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS AND CRITERIA FOR MURALS; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION INTO THE CODE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

HEARING NO.: 21-05-DOR-04

APPLICANT: City of Doral

REQUEST: The City of Doral Staff is requesting Mayor and City Council approval of a text amendment to Chapter 75 "Public Arts Program" of the City of Doral Land Development Code to create Article II "Murals" to establish requirements and criteria for murals.

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 persons 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

THE FIRM

Former Internal Revenue Chief Counsel Heads to Gibson Dunn



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With the Biden administration proposing \$80 billion to boost the IRS's auditing capabilities, Michael Desmond will work to build up Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher's tax controversy practice.

by Dan Packel

Michael Desmond, chief counsel for the Internal Revenue Service during the Trump administration, joined Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher as a partner. As the IRS looks to ramp up enforcement efforts, Desmond said, he'll seek to build up Gibson Dunn's tax controversy practice.

Desmond wound up in headlines when President Donald Trump reportedly pushed for his nomination in 2019.

At his prior firms, tax boutique McKee Nelson and Bingham McCutchen, he worked alongside two attorneys who served as tax counsel for the Trump Organization, Sheri Dillon and William Nelson, also a former IRS chief counsel. The pair, now at Morgan, Lewis & Bockius, continued to represent Trump's business interests through his presidency, though the firm said in January it would be unwinding those relationships.

This connection to Trump's taxes drew attention in a 2019 report in The New York Times that said Trump had pushed for Desmond's prompt confirmation, indicating to Senate Leader Mitch McConnell that it was a higher priority than a vote on Attorney General William Barr.

In an interview Monday, Desmond did not comment on any role that he'd had in any IRS conversations over efforts by Congress and New York state prosecutors to access the former president's tax returns, noting that it was still the subject of litigation in D.C. federal court.

Desmond stepped down from his role as IRS chief counsel and assistant general counsel in the U.S. Department of the Treasury on Jan. 20 and recently relocated to Southern California, where he'd had a solo practice before being nominated to the positions in 2018. As a solo, he reportedly earned about \$560,000 in bonus and salary before taking the lead role at the IRS, according to his financial disclosure.

He said that after overseeing 1,500 attorneys at the IRS, it made sense to head to a large firm, rather than returning to solo practice. Gibson Dunn in particular offered a "market-leading" litigation practice outside of tax controversy work and a "preeminent" tax practice, focused on planning.

"There's unique opportunities for me to build and grow the tax controversy practice within the firm. The firm having a deep connection to California has some personnel attraction to me

as well," said Desmond, who will be based out of the firm's Los Angeles and Washington, D.C., offices.

Looking at the IRS, Desmond highlighted the growing reach of the organization, noting that with its responsibilities under the Affordable Care Act and more recently in administering stimulus payments, "it now touches virtually every socioeconomic issue out there."

And with President Joe Biden proposing \$80 billion to bolster the agency's auditing power, its capabilities are bound to grow.

"Even if a small fraction of that gets implemented, it's a marked increase for the IRS," Desmond said. "These are trends that will influence practice going forward."

Desmond said he is hopeful that Biden moves to fill the position of assistant attorney general for the DOJ's tax division, which has not had a Senate-confirmed leader since 2014. Trump finally nominated principal deputy assistant attorney general Richard Zuckerman to fill the position in 2019, but he was never confirmed.

"Being an alumni of that organization, it's an important role to fill and would be pleased to see someone nominated for that quickly in the current administration," Desmond said.

Desmond started his career as a federal clerk in the Central District of California and has been bouncing back and forth between Southern California and Washington, having served first as a trial attorney in the tax division of the U.S. Department of Justice and later as tax legislative counsel at the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

Desmond reflected on his experience working on McKee Nelson and then at Bingham McCutcheon, which swallowed up the smaller firm in 2012.

"I learned a lot from that experience. It was very different from a boutique model that McKee Nelson had," he said, contrasting Bingham's rapid growth through mergers via Gibson Dunn's approach of targeting laterals and smaller groups. "It's very important to look for the right type of a large firm. Gibson has grown over a very long history in a measured way."

Desmond left Bingham McCutcheon before that firm was absorbed by Morgan Lewis in 2014.

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