

**COMBINED VOLUNTARY COOPERATION AND
OPERATIONAL ASSISTANCE
MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE CITY OF MIAMI, FLORIDA AND
THE CITY OF DORAL**

This Voluntary Cooperation and Operational Assistance Mutual Aid Agreement is made as of this 1 day of May, 2025 by and between the CITY OF MIAMI, FLORIDA, a Florida municipal corporation, having its principal office at 3500 Pan American Drive, Miami, Florida 33133, and the CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, a Florida municipal corporation having its principal office at 8401 NW 53rd Terrace, Doral, Florida 33166, and states as follows:

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the governments of the City of Miami, Florida, and the City of Doral, Florida, to ensure the public safety of their citizens by providing adequate levels of police services to address any foreseeable routine or emergency situation; and

WHEREAS, there is an existing and continuing possibility of the occurrence of law enforcement problems and other natural and man-made conditions which are, or are likely to be, beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, or facilities of the City of Miami Police Department or the City of Doral Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the City of Miami and the City of Doral are so located in relation to each other that it is in the best interest and advantage of each to receive and extend mutual aid in the form of law enforcement services and resources to adequately respond to:

- (1) Continuing, multi-jurisdictional criminal activity, so as to protect the public peace and safety, and preserve the lives and property of the people; and

- (2) Intensive situations including, but not limited to, natural or man-made disasters or emergencies as defined under Section 252.34, Florida Statutes; and
- (3) Joint provision of certain law enforcement services specified herein and allowed pursuant to Florida Statute 166.0495; and

WHEREAS, the City of Miami and the City of Doral have the authority under The Mutual Aid Act, Chapter 23, Part I, Florida Statutes, to enter into a combined mutual aid agreement for law enforcement services which:

- (1) Permits voluntary cooperation and assistance of a routine law enforcement nature across jurisdictional lines; and
- (2) Provides for rendering of assistance in a law enforcement emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN, that the City of Miami, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, and the City of Doral, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, in consideration for mutual promises to render valuable aid in times of necessity, do hereby agree to fully and faithfully abide by and be bound by the following terms and conditions.

SECTION I: PROVISIONS FOR VOLUNTARY COOPERATION

Each of the aforesaid law enforcement agencies hereby approve and enter into this agreement whereby each of the agencies may provide voluntary cooperation and assistance of a routine law enforcement nature across jurisdictional lines. The nature of the law enforcement assistance to be rendered shall include but not be limited to:

- a. Concurrent law enforcement jurisdiction in and throughout the territorial limits of the City of Miami and the City of Doral for arrests, made pursuant to the laws of arrest, for felonies and misdemeanors, including arrestable traffic offenses, which spontaneously take place in the presence of the arresting officer, at such times as

the arresting officer is traveling from place to place on official business outside of his or her jurisdiction, for example, to or from court, or at any time when the officer is within the territorial limits of his or her jurisdiction.

- b. Concurrent law enforcement jurisdiction in and throughout the territorial limits of the City of Miami and the City of Doral for arrests, made pursuant to the laws of arrest, of persons identified as a result of investigations of any offense constituting a felony or any act of Domestic Violence as defined in Section 741.28, Florida Statutes, when such offense occurred in the municipality employing the arresting officer.
- c. Concurrent law enforcement jurisdiction in and upon the jurisdictional waters of the City of Miami and the City of Doral for arrests, made pursuant to the laws of arrest, for felonies and misdemeanors and boating infractions.
- d. Participating in exigent situations, without the need for a formal request, including, but not limited to, areas searches for wanted subjects, perimeters, crimes in progress, escaped prisoners, traffic stops near municipal boundaries, requests for assistance when no available local units are nearby, calls indicating a crime or incident has occurred in which a citizen may likely be injured, and the assisting municipality is closer to the area than the officer receiving the call.
- e. Concurrent law enforcement jurisdiction in and throughout the territorial limits of the City of Miami and City of Doral for investigations of homicides, sex offenses, robberies, assaults, batteries, burglaries, larcenies, gambling, motor vehicles thefts, drug violations pursuant to Chapter 893, Florida Statutes, and inter-agency task forces and/or joint investigations.

Prior to any officer taking enforcement action pursuant to paragraphs (a) through (e) above, the officer shall notify the jurisdiction in which the action will be taken, unless exigent

circumstances prevent such prior notification, in which case notification shall be made as soon after the action as practicable. If the agency having normal jurisdiction responds to the scene the assisting agency's officer may turn the situation over to them and offer any assistance requested including, but not limited to, a follow-up written report documenting the event and the action taken.

These provisions are not intended to grant general authority to conduct investigations, serve warrants and/or subpoenas or to respond without request to emergencies already being addressed by the agency of normal jurisdiction, but is intended to address critical, life-threatening or public safety situations, prevent bodily injury to citizens, or secure apprehension of criminals whom the law enforcement officer may encounter.

SECTION II: PROVISIONS FOR OPERATIONAL ASSISTANCE

The aforesaid law enforcement agencies hereby approve and enter into this agreement whereby each of the agencies may request and render law enforcement assistance to the other to include, but not necessarily be limited to dealing with, the following:

1. Joint multi-jurisdictional criminal investigations
2. Civil affray or disobedience, disturbances, riots, large protest demonstrations and assemblies, controversial trials, political conventions, labor disputes, and strikes.
3. Any natural, technological or manmade disaster.
4. Incidents which require rescue operations and crowd and traffic control measures including, but not limited to, large-scale evacuations, aircraft and shipping disasters, fires, explosions, gas line leaks, radiological incidents, train wrecks and derailments, chemical or hazardous waste spills, and electrical power failures.
5. Terrorist activities including, but not limited to, acts of sabotage.
6. Escapes from, or disturbances within, prisoner processing facilities.
7. Hostage and barricaded subject situations, and aircraft piracy.

8. Control of major crime scenes, area searches, perimeter control, back-ups to emergency and in-progress calls, pursuits, and missing person calls.
9. Enemy attack.
10. Transportation of evidence requiring security.
11. Major events, e.g., sporting events, concerts, parades, fairs, festivals, and conventions.
12. Security and escort duties for dignitaries.
13. Incidents requiring utilization of specialized units, e.g., underwater recovery, marine patrol, aircraft, canine, motorcycle, bicycle, mounted, SWAT, bomb, crime scene and police information.
14. Emergency situations in which one agency cannot perform its functional objective.
15. Joint training in areas of mutual need.
16. Joint multi-jurisdictional marine interdiction operations.
17. Off-duty special events.
18. DUI Checkpoints.

SECTION III: PROCEDURE FOR REQUESTING OPERATIONAL ASSISTANCE

1. Mutual aid requested or rendered will be approved by the Chief of Police, or designee. The Chief of Police, or designee, of the agency whose assistance is sought shall evaluate the situation and the agency's available resources, consult with his/her supervisors, if necessary, and will respond in a manner he/she deems appropriate.

2. The Chief of Police in whose jurisdiction assistance is being rendered may determine who is authorized to lend assistance in his/her jurisdiction, for how long such assistance is authorized, and for what purpose such authority is granted. This authority may be granted either verbally or in writing as the particular situation dictates.

3. Specific reporting instructions for personnel rendering mutual aid will be included in the request for mutual aid. In the absences of such reporting instructions, personnel will report to the ranking on-duty supervisor on the scene.

4. Communications instructions should be included in each request for mutual aid and each agency's communications centers will maintain radio contact with each other until the mutual aid situation has ended.

5. Incidents requiring mass processing of arrestees, transporting prisoners, and operating temporary detention facilities will be handled per established procedures of the requesting agency or Chief of Police involved.

SECTION IV: COMMAND AND SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITY

a. COMMAND:

The personnel and equipment that are assigned by the assisting Chief of Police shall be under the immediate command of a supervising officer designated by the assisting Chief of Police. Such supervising officer shall be under the direct supervision and command of the Chief of Police or his/her designee of the agency requesting assistance.

b. CONFLICTS:

Whenever an officer is rendering assistance pursuant to this agreement, the officer shall abide by and be subject to the rules and regulations, personnel policies, general orders, and standard operating procedures of his/her own employer. If any such rule, regulation, personnel policy, general order or standing operating procedure is contradicted, contravened or otherwise in conflict with a direct order of a superior officer of the requesting agency, then such rule, regulation, policy, general order or procedure shall control and shall supersede the direct order.

c. HANDLING COMPLAINTS:

Whenever there is cause to believe that a complaint has arisen as a result of a cooperative effort as it may pertain to this agreement, the Chief of Police or his/her designee of the agency

employing the officer who is the subject of the complaint shall be responsible for the investigation of the complaint. The Chief of Police or designee of the requesting agency should ascertain at a minimum:

1. The identity of the complainant;
2. An address where the complaining party can be contacted;
3. The specific allegation; and
4. The identity of the employees accused without regard as to agency affiliation.

If it is determined during the investigation of a complaint that the accused is an employee of the assisting agency, the above information, with all pertinent documentation gathered during the receipt and processing of the complaint, shall be forwarded without delay to the agency for administrative review. The requesting agency may conduct a review of the complaint to determine if any factual basis for the complaint exists and/or whether any of the employees of the requesting agency violated any of their agency's policies or procedures.

SECTION V: LIABILITY

Each party engaging in any mutual cooperation and assistance, pursuant to this agreement, agrees to assume responsibility for the acts, omissions or conduct of such party's own employees while engaged in rendering such aid pursuant to this agreement, subject to the provisions of Section 768.28, Florida Statutes, where applicable.

SECTION VI: POWERS, PRIVILEGES, IMMUNITIES AND COSTS

a. Employees of the City of Miami and the City of Doral when actually engaging in mutual cooperation and assistance outside of their normal jurisdictional limits but inside this State, under the terms of this agreement, shall, pursuant to the provisions of Section 23.127(1), Fla. Stat. (as amended), have the same powers, duties, rights, privileges and immunities as if the

employee was performing duties inside the employee's political subdivision in which normally employed.

b. Each party agrees to furnish necessary personnel equipment, resources and facilities and to render services to each other party to this agreement as set forth above; provided, however, that no party shall be required to deplete unreasonably its own personnel, equipment, resources, facilities, and services in furnishing such mutual aid.

c. The political subdivision that furnishes equipment pursuant to this agreement must bear the cost of loss or damage to that equipment and must pay any expenses incurred in the operation and maintenance of that equipment.

d. The political subdivision furnishing aid pursuant to this agreement shall compensate its employees during the time of the rendering of aid and shall defray (provide for the payment of) the actual travel and maintenance expenses of its employees while they are rendering aid, including any amounts paid or due for compensation for personal injury or death while its employees are rendering aid.

e. The privileges and immunities from liability, exemption from laws, ordinances and rules, and pension, insurance, relief, disability, workers' compensation, salary, death, and other benefits that apply to the activity of an employee of an agency when performing the employee's duties within the territorial limits of the employee's agency apply to the employee to the same degree, manner, and extent while engaged in the performance of the employee's duties extraterritorially under the provisions of this mutual aid agreement. This section applies to paid, volunteer, reserve and auxiliary employees.

f. Nothing herein shall prevent the requesting agency from requesting supplemental appropriations from the governing authority having budgeting jurisdiction to reimburse the assisting agency for any actual costs or expenses incurred by the assisting agency performing hereunder.

SECTION VII: FORFEITURES

It is recognized that during the course of the operation of this agreement, property subject to forfeiture under Sections 932.701 – 932.707, Florida Statutes, known as the "Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act," may be seized. The property shall be seized, forfeited, and equitably distributed among the participating agencies in proportion to the amount of investigation and participation performed by each agency pursuant to the provisions of the "Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act."

SECTION VIII: INSURANCE

Each political subdivision shall provide, upon request, satisfactory proof of liability insurance by one or more of the means specified in Section 768.28, Florida Statutes, in an amount which is, in the judgment of the governing body of that political subdivision, at least adequate to cover the risk to which that party may be exposed. Should the insurance coverage, however provided, of any party be canceled or undergo material change, that party shall notify all parties to this agreement of such change within ten (10) days of receipt of the notice or actual knowledge of such change.

SECTION IX: EFFECTIVE DATE

This agreement shall take effect upon execution and approval by the hereinafter named officials and shall continue in full force and effect for five (5) years after it takes effect. Under no circumstances may this agreement be renewed, amended or extended except in writing.

SECTION X: CANCELLATION

Either party may cancel its participation in this agreement upon delivery of written notice to the other political subdivision.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto cause to these presents to be signed on the date first written above.

AGREED AND ACKNOWLEDGED this 1 day of May, 2025.

Zeida Sardinias

ZEIDA SARDIÑAS
City Manager
City of Doral
Date: 1/23/2025

ATTEST:

Connie Diaz

1/23/2025

CONNIE DIAZ
City Clerk
City of Doral

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

Lorenzo Cobiella

1/23/2025

LORENZO COBIELLA, ESQ.
City Attorney

Edwin Lopez

EDWIN LOPEZ
Chief of Police
City of Doral

Counterparts and Electronic Signatures. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which so executed shall be deemed to be an original, and such counterparts shall together constitute but one and the same Agreement. The parties shall be entitled to sign and transmit an electronic signature of this Agreement (whether by facsimile, PDF or other email transmission), which signature shall be binding on the party whose name is contained therein. Any party providing an electronic signature agrees to promptly execute and deliver to the other parties an original signed Agreement upon request.

Arthur Noriega

ARTHUR NORIEGA
City Manager
City of Miami
Date: 5/1/25

ATTEST:

Todd B. Mannon

TODD B. MANNON
City Clerk
City of Miami

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

George K. Wysong III

GEORGE K. WYSONG III
City Attorney

(JCP /25-1058 - City of Doral - MAA)

Manuel Morales

MANUEL MORALES
Chief of Police
City of Miami

APPROVED AS TO INSURANCE
REQUIREMENTS:

Ann-Marie Sharpe

ANN-MARIE SHARPE
Risk Management Director
City of Miami, Florida

RESOLUTION No. 25-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE COMBINED VOLUNTARY COOPERATION AND OPERATIONAL ASSISTANCE MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF MIAMI, TO ENSURE PUBLIC SAFETY BY PROVIDING ADEQUATE LEVELS OF POLICE SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the governments of the City of Miami and the City of Doral, to ensure the public safety of their citizens by providing adequate levels of police services to address any foreseeable routine or emergency situation; and

WHEREAS, because of the existing and continuing possibility of the occurrence of law enforcement problems and other natural and man-made conditions which are, or are likely to be, beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, or facilities of the City of Miami Police Department or the City of Doral Police Department; and

WHEREAS, staff has recommended that the City Council approve the Combined Voluntary Cooperation and Operational Assistance Mutual Aid Agreement between the City of Miami and the City of Doral, to ensure public safety by providing adequate levels of police services.

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

Section 1. Recitals. The above recitals are confirmed, adopted, and incorporated herein and made a part hereof by this reference.

Section 2. Approval. The Mutual Aid Agreement between the City of Miami and the City of Doral, attached hereto as Exhibit "A", which is incorporated herein and made a part hereof by this reference, is hereby approved. The City Manager is hereby

authorized to execute the Combined Voluntary Cooperation and Operational Assistance Mutual Aid Agreement between the City of Miami and the City of Doral on behalf of the City subject to approval as to form and legal sufficiency by the City Attorney.

Section 3. Implementation. The City Manager and the City Attorney are hereby authorized to take such further action as may be necessary to implement the purpose and provisions of this Resolution.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

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

Mayor Christi Fraga	Yes
Vice Mayor Maureen Porras	Yes
Councilwoman Digna Cabral	Absent/Excused
Councilman Rafael Pineyro	Yes
Councilwoman Nicole Reinoso	Yes

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 15 day of January, 2025.



CHRISTI FRAGA, 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:



LORENZO COBIELLA,
GASTESI, LOPEZ, MESTRE & COBIELLA, PLLC
CITY ATTORNEY