

RESOLUTION No. 25-114

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING A POLICY REQUIRING ELECTED OFFICIALS TO REIMBURSE THE CITY FOR UNUSED EVENT TICKETS OR TABLE SEATS PURCHASED WITH CITY FUNDS, WHEN THEY FAIL TO ATTEND AND DO NOT PROVIDE A DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City of Doral frequently purchases tickets and tables for galas, luncheons, and various community events to support local organizations, represent the City, and foster relationships with key stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, elected officials are often extended the opportunity to attend these events on behalf of the City, with their participation funded by municipal resources; and

WHEREAS, there have been instances where elected-officials RSVP for these events but fail to attend without providing prior notice or arranging for a representative from their office to take their place, resulting in wasted City funds; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City and its taxpayers to ensure that public funds are used efficiently and responsibly, and that seats purchased for events are utilized as intended; and

WHEREAS, implementing a reimbursement policy will hold elected officials accountable and encourage responsible participation in events where City funds are expended.

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

Section 1. Recitals. The above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein.

Section 2. Policy Implementation. The Mayor and City Council hereby establish a policy requiring that any elected official who RSVPs themselves and a guest for an event where the City has purchased tickets or a table and subsequently fails to attend without providing at least 48 hours' notice and without sending a representative from their office, shall be personally responsible for reimbursing the City for the full cost of their ticket or the proportional cost of the table seat.

Section 3. Reimbursement Process. The City Manager, in coordination with the City Clerk's Office and the Finance Department, shall oversee the implementation of this policy. An invoice for reimbursement shall be issued to the absent official within ten (10) business days of the event, and payment must be made within thirty (30) days of notification. Failure to comply will result in further measures as determined by the administration or by the inspector general.

Section 4. Exceptions. Exceptions to this policy may be granted under extenuating circumstances, such as medical emergencies or unforeseen conflicts, at the discretion of the City Manager.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Councilwoman Nicole Reinoso.

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:

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| Mayor Christi Fraga | Yes |
| Vice Mayor Maureen Porras | Yes |
| Councilwoman Digna Cabral | Yes |
| Councilman Rafael Pineyro | Yes |
| Councilwoman Nicole Reinoso | Yes |

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 16 day of April, 2025.



CHRISTI FRAGA, MAYOR

ATTEST:



CONNIE DIAZ, MMC
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY
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