

RESOLUTION No. 25-30

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF A QUALIFIED CONSULTANT TO OVERSEE TREE MANAGEMENT, PRESERVATION AND TO IDENTIFY OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERMITTING AND ENHANCED ENFORCEMENT; PROVIDING DIRECTION TO THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY; ESTABLISHING DORAL'S INDEPENDENCE IN TREE PERMITTING AND REGULATION SEPARATE FROM MIAMI-DADE COUNTY; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City of Doral ("City") has been designated Tree City USA, amplifying its commitment to the preservation, maintenance, and growth of its urban forest; and

WHEREAS, proper tree management, including permitting, inspection, and enforcement of tree-related regulations, is essential to maintaining the ecological, aesthetic, and environmental benefits of the City's green spaces; and

WHEREAS, currently, tree permitting and regulatory oversight fall under the jurisdiction of Miami-Dade County, limiting the City of Doral's ability to directly manage and enforce its tree preservation goals; and

WHEREAS, engaging the services of a qualified consultant, will allow the City to have expert oversight and provide assistance to the City Manager, City Attorney, and Staff to identify opportunities and efficiencies within the law and City Code that will enhance the City's permitting authority, constituent services for tree related matters, and establish a better alignment with Doral's environmental and urban planning objectives; and

WHEREAS, a qualified consultant will provide expert guidance on best practices for the care, maintenance, and preservation of trees, ensuring proper stewardship of the City's urban forest and alignment with environmental sustainability goals; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council find it in the best interest of the City to review and identify opportunities for greater local control over tree permitting and regulatory functions to ensure a tailored approach that meets the unique needs of the community.

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

Section 1. Authorization. The Mayor and City Council hereby authorize the City Manager to hire and engage the services of a qualified consultant to assist the City Manager, City Attorney, and Staff to review and identify opportunities in the law and City Code that will enhance the permitting, code enforcement, and constituent services regarding trees within the City of Doral. The City Manager and City Attorney are directed to bring back to the City Council an update with options to achieve this goal by the March 2025 Regular City Council meeting.

Section 2. Independence in Tree Permitting. The City Manager and City Attorney are authorized to establish independent tree permitting and regulatory tree protection ordinance, separate from Miami-Dade County, ensuring compliance with all applicable state and federal environmental regulations.

Section 3. Implementation. The City Manager and City Attorney are authorized to take all necessary steps to implement this Resolution, including but not limited to identifying budgetary requirements, finalizing consultant agreements.

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

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

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Councilmember Reinoso who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Pineyro 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
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