



CITY OF DORAL Office of the City Manager Letter to Council

No. LTC# 021-2023

To: The Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Barbie Hernandez, City Manager

Date: September 6, 2023

Subject: **Update on Tree Planting Complaints at Trump National Doral Golf Resort**

This Letter to Council (LTC) is to provide the Mayor and Councilmembers with an update to **002-2023 LTC Ongoing Tree Plantings at Trump National Doral Golf Resort** from January 30, 2023, regarding numerous resident concerns in reference to the ongoing tree plantings taking place at the neighboring Trump National Doral ("TND") Golf Resort, and the City's involvement since that time.

Since February 2023, the City of Doral Code Compliance Department has received approximately 8 separate complaints from residents of various Doral Park neighborhoods, the majority of which consist of planting areas that contain pockets of overgrowth and vegetation that seems to be encroaching on adjacent properties and residential common areas. A specific breakdown of the different types of complaints received are below:

- Overgrowth – 2
- Encroachments – 5
- Commercial landscape equipment noise – 1

Inspections were conducted after each of the complaints were received, which resulted in the issuance of the five (5) below violations on the indicated dates after being able to determine the existence of a violation:

- Verbal Warning
 - 6/15/23 – Overgrown landscaping.
- Courtesy Warning
 - 3/15/23 – Overgrown landscaping.
 - 8/4/23 – Overgrown landscaping.
- Notice of Violation
 - 2/23/23 – Noise violation for operating commercial landscape equipment before 7:30 AM.
- Citation
 - 2/23/23 - \$100 for operating commercial landscape equipment before 7:30 AM.

Since March 2023, the Code Compliance Department has conducted, weather permitting, monthly inspections along the entire perimeter of the TND golf courses to inspect for areas of concern, especially those areas brought up by the residents of Doral Park. Each monthly golf course inspection resulted in a few areas of minor overgrowth and encroachments, all of which were proactively brought to the attention of the TND maintenance personnel. Each area that required attention was remedied by the TND maintenance personnel in a timely manner.

As you may recall, the encroachment of leaves and other vegetation onto a neighboring property does not constitute a violation of the City's Code of Ordinances, but the TND has trimmed back areas of encroachment that have been reported by residents. Affected adjacent property owners can also remove any portion of vegetation that has crossed over onto their property, as long as it is done so in a manner that does not cause harm to the landscaping.

The Code Compliance Department will continue to conduct proactive monthly inspections to ensure that those areas most reported by residents are addressed and corrected expeditiously, in addition to inspecting the entire perimeter of the golf course. Enforcement notices shall also continue to be issued for instances where a landscaping violation has been verified but not corrected in a timely manner.

c. Francisco Rios, Deputy City Manager
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