

ORDINANCE #2012-27

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA AMENDING SECTION 14-74 OF THE CITY CODE REGULATING POLITICAL SIGNS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CITY CODE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it would advance good government and promote the best interest of the residents of Doral to prohibit candidates for City elected office from accepting campaign contributions from vendor or lobbyists and lobbyists registered with the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 14-74 of the City Code of the City of Doral is hereby created to read as follows:

Sec. 14-74. - Regulations for placement, size, type, removal, etc.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to post an election sign upon any public property in the city including, but not limited to, signs posted for any local, county, state, national, or special district elections. Unlawfully posted signs on public rights-of-way shall be subject to removal by the city immediately.
- (b) Election signs shall be permitted in all zoning districts. Election signs shall be placed at least five feet from the right-of-way.
- (c) No more than one election sign per candidate, measure or issue shall be permitted on any one private property site unless it is on a corner lot, in which case two signs per candidate, measure, or issue may be placed.
- (d) The maximum size of any election sign shall not exceed four square feet in area and four feet in height in residential districts. Elections signs in nonresidential districts shall not exceed four square feet in area and shall not exceed six feet in height.
- (e) Election roof signs, banners or balloons are prohibited in all districts. ~~Election signs attached to or placed on public or private property shall be prohibited.~~
- (f) No election sign may be placed upon private property sooner than 60 days prior to the election in which the candidate's name or ballot issue shall appear on the ballot. In the event of a runoff election following a primary election, political signs may remain on private property until seven days after the runoff election

notwithstanding the fact that the runoff is later than thirty days following the primary election.

- (g) (f) All election signs shall be removed seven calendar days subsequent to the election for which they relate.

Section 2. Repeal of Conflicting Provisions. To the extent any provisions of the Code conflict with this Chapter, those provisions are repealed in their entirety.

Section 3. Severability. The provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable and if any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance shall for any reason be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, sentences, clauses, and phrases of this Ordinance but they shall remain in effect, it being the legislative intent that this Ordinance shall stand notwithstanding the invalidity of any part.

Section 4. Inclusion in the Code. It is the intention of the City Council, and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of the City of Doral, Florida; that the sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or relettered to accomplish such intentions; and that the word "Ordinance" shall be changed to "Section" or other appropriate word.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective commencing November 3, 2010.

The foregoing Ordinance was offered by Councilmember Cabrera, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Rodriguez and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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| Mayor Juan Carlos Bermudez | Yes |
| Vice Mayor Michael DiPietro | Yes |
| Councilman Luigi Boria | Yes |
| Councilman Pete Cabrera | Yes |
| Councilwoman Ana Maria Rodriguez | Yes |

PASSED AND ADOPTED on first reading this 19th day of September, 2012.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on second reading this 30th day of October, 2012.



Juan Carlos Bermudez, Mayor

ATTEST:



Barbara Herrera, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



Jimmy L. Morales, City Attorney