

RESOLUTION No. 24-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S "PLASTIC FREE 305" PROGRAM, A VOLUNTARY CERTIFICATION PROGRAM FOR BUSINESSES LOCATED WITHIN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMITTED TO REDUCING AND ELIMINATING SINGLE-USE PLASTIC FROM THEIR DAY-TO-DAY OPERATIONS; DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO CREATE AND IMPLEMENT A PLAN IN FURTHERANCE OF THE CITY'S GOAL OF ACHIEVING TOP-TIER STATUS IN THE "PLASTIC FREE 305" PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION AND IMPLEMENTATION; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, single-use plastics, including polystyrene, commonly known by its commercial brand name "Styrofoam," are made primarily from fossil fuel-based chemicals and are meant to be disposed of after one use; and

WHEREAS, single-use plastics are most commonly found in the form of wrappers, straws, containers, and bags; and

WHEREAS, single-use plastics and polystyrene are neither readily recyclable nor biodegradable, and can take hundreds to thousands of years to degrade in the environment; and

WHEREAS, according to a study by Washington University, polystyrene takes more than 500 years to decompose in nature; and

WHEREAS, single-use plastics contribute to overburdened landfills, threaten wildlife and marine life, and degrade and litter drainage and sewage systems, as well as the beaches and waters off the Florida coast; and

WHEREAS, for over forty (40) years, City of Doral ("City") residents have been negatively impacted by the Waste-to-Energy facility located within the City, and the landfill located within close proximity; and

WHEREAS, supporting a program to help reduce the uses of plastics, litter, and pollutants is in the interest of the public health and safety of the City's residents; and

WHEREAS, on December 1, 2021, the Miami-Dade County ("County") Board of County Commissioners adopted a resolution creating the "Plastic Free 305" program, a voluntary certification program for businesses located within the County committed to reducing and eliminating single-use plastic from their day-to-day operations; and

WHEREAS, the "Plastic Free 305" program is designed as a three-tier annual certification based on the progressive level of single-use plastic elimination by each participating business; and

WHEREAS, participating businesses can start by pledging to eliminate single-use plastics and move up the tiers as they make progress toward that goal; and

WHEREAS, the program celebrates businesses dedicated to reducing or eliminating the purchase and use of single-use plastics through the adoption of reuse and sustainable replacement strategies; and

WHEREAS, several cities across the globe are leading the effort to adopt sustainable and environmentally friendly practices; and

WHEREAS, supporting the "Plastic Free 305" program supports the City's commitment to resiliency by providing support to businesses as they transition to plastic free alternatives; and

WHEREAS, Section 403.7033, Florida Statutes, preempts local governments from enacting laws prohibiting the use of certain single-use plastics; and

WHEREAS, according to Section 500.90, Florida Statutes, local governments and municipalities are not limited from restricting the use of polystyrene in their own public

properties; and

WHEREAS, counties and municipalities around the state, including the cities of Coral Gables and Miami Beach, have taken action to protect the environment by creating programs and policies outside of the scope of the State of Florida preemption; and

WHEREAS, other pilot programs and initiatives have been enacted in the County to combat the harmful effects of plastics on the environment; and

WHEREAS, supporting this effort to adopt sustainable initiatives will elevate the City's status as a green city; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the above, the City Council believes it is in the best interest of the City to direct the City Manager to take any actions necessary to create and implement a plan that will elevate the City's tier certification in the "Plastic Free 305" program, and work towards becoming a 100% single-use plastic free City, which actions shall include creating an educational campaign directed to the City's businesses and residents on both the "Plastic free 305" program, and the City's adopted goal of achieving top tier status within said program.

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. Support for "Plastic Free 305" Program. The City Council for the City of Doral hereby declares its support for Miami-Dade County's "Plastic Free 305" program.

Section 3. Authorization and Implementation. The City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to take any actions necessary to create and implement a plan

that will elevate the City's tier certification in the "Plastic Free 305" program, and work towards becoming a 100% single-use plastic free City, which actions shall include creating an educational campaign directed to the City's businesses and residents on both the "Plastic free 305" program, and the City's adopted goal of achieving top tier status within said program.

Section 3. Transmittal. The City Clerk for the City of Doral is hereby directed to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners and the Miami-Dade County Mayor.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Councilwoman Maureen Porras.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Vice Mayor Puig-Corve who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cabral and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Mayor Christi Fraga	Yes
Vice Mayor Oscar Puig-Corve	Yes
Councilwoman Digna Cabral	Yes
Councilman Rafael Pineyro	Yes
Councilwoman Maureen Porras	Yes

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10 day of January, 2024.



CHRISTI FRAGA, MAYOR

ATTEST:



CONNIE DIAZ, MMC
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY
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