RESOLUTION #2006-41

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA EXEMPTING CERTAIN BOARDS AND COMMITTEES FROM THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND CODE OF ETHICS ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR THE RETROACTIVE EXEMPTION FOR EXISTING BOARDS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to attract more citizens to serve on City advisory boards and committees and to make such service more convenient; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, over the past several years, has created boards and committees which are not required to file state Financial Disclosure requirements; and

WHEREAS, when creating those boards and committees, the City Council did not intend on requiring those boards and committees to file financial disclosure requirements pursuant to Chapter 2 of the Miami-Dade County Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinances (County Ordinance); and

WHEREAS, consistent with a Commission on Ethics and Public Trust memo dated May 3, 2005 from Staff General Counsel Ardyth Walker to County Manager George M. Burgess and distributed to all municipal Clerks, the requirement of filing pursuant to the County Ordinance may be waived by ordinance and resolution; and

WHEREAS, consistent with conversations that the City Attorney's office has had with the Commission on Ethics, the decision of whether to waive this provision is up to the municipality; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that the following boards and committees are hereby exempted from the Miami-Dade County Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinances retroactively to their creation:

- 1. Cultural Affairs Advisory Board
- 2. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
- 3. Environmental Advisory Board
- 4. Noise Abatement Advisory Board
- 5. Charter Review Committee

WHEREAS, it is the found to be in the best interests of the City that all future committees which are not required to file a state financial form shall be exempted from the Miami-Dade County Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinances unless specifically required to file said form upon its creation;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

<u>Section 1.</u> The foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are hereby ratified as true and correct and incorporated herein by this reference.

<u>Section 2.</u> The following boards and committees and all future boards and committees are hereby exempted from the Miami-Dade County Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinances retroactive to their creation:

- 1. Cultural Affairs Advisory Board
- 2. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
- 3. Environmental Advisory Board
- 4. Noise Abatement Advisory Board
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Section 3. This resolution shall become effective upon its passage and adoption by the City Council.

WHEREAS, a motion to approve the Resolution was offered by Councilwoman Ruiz who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Cabrera and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Mayor Juan Carlos Bermudez	Yes
Vice Mayor Peter Cabrera	Yes
Councilmember Michael DiPietro	Yes
Councilwoman Sandra Ruiz	Yes
Councilmember Robert Van Name	Yes

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 28th day of June, 2006.

JUAN CARLOS BERMUDEZ, MAYOR

ATTEST:

BARBARA HERRERA, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY FOR THE SOLE, USE OF THE CITY OF DORAL:

FW JOHN J. HEARN, CITY ATTORNEY