



## CITY OF DORAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

All residents, property owners and other interested parties are hereby notified of a **COUNCIL ZONING MEETING** on **April 28, 2021 beginning at 10:30 AM.**

**General Public Comments:** members of the public that wish to provide comments in writing may do so by emailing the City Clerk at [cityclerk@cityofdoral.com](mailto:cityclerk@cityofdoral.com). Comments must be submitted with your name and full address by **Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 5:00 pm**. The comments will be circulated to the elected officials and administration, as well as remain as a part of the record for the meeting.

**Public Hearing Comments (Pre-Registration):** interested parties that wish to speak on the Public Hearing item(s) **ONLY**, must register by **Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 5:00 pm** via this link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2550983937261710605>

The meeting will be broadcasted live for members of the public to view on the City of Doral's website (<https://www.cityofdoral.com/government/city-clerk/council-meetings>) as well as Channel 77 and Facebook Live.

The City of Doral proposes to adopt the following Ordinance:

### ORDINANCE No. 2021-15

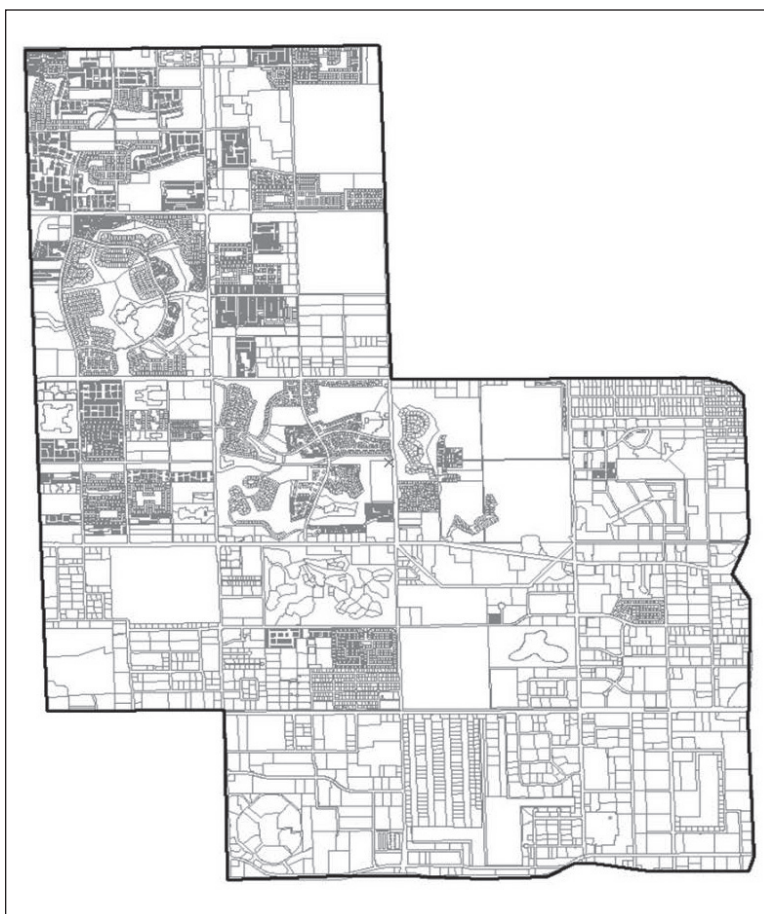
**AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, APPROVING/DENYING A TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF DORAL LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, CHAPTER 71, "LANDSCAPING AND BUFFERS," ARTICLE II, "MINIMUM STANDARDS," DIVISION 7, "ARTIFICIAL TURF," MODIFYING EXISTING REGULATIONS OF ARTIFICIAL TURF; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION INTO THE CODE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**HEARING NO.:** 21-04-DOR-07

**APPLICANT:** City of Doral

**REQUEST:** The City of Doral Staff is requesting Mayor and City Council approval of a text amendment to the City of Doral Land Development Code, Chapter 71, Article II, Division 7, "Artificial Turf," to modify existing regulations of artificial turf.

#### Location Map



Inquiries regarding the item may be directed to the Planning and Zoning Department at 305-59-DORAL.

Pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes If a person decides to appeal any decisions made by the City Council with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings and, for such purpose, may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. This notice does not constitute consent by the City for introduction or admission of otherwise inadmissible or irrelevant evidence, nor does it authorize challenges or appeals not otherwise allowed by law. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person who are disabled and who need special accommodations to participate in this meeting because of that disability should contact the Planning and Zoning Department at 305-59-DORAL no later than three (3) business days prior to the proceeding.

Connie Diaz, MMC  
City Clerk  
City of Doral City of Doral

## BANKING/ FINANCE

# Gambling Bills Start Moving Amid Talks During Legislative Session



J. ALBERT DIAZ

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by Dara Kam

Murmurs, and at times shouts, of a renewed gambling deal between the state and the Seminole Tribe of Florida have bubbled during legislative sessions stretching back nearly a decade.

But, as legislative leaders and governors come and go, finalizing an agreement, repeatedly likened to a "three-dimensional game of chess," has proved to be just out of reach year after year.

The House, the Senate, the governor and the Seminoles are the central figures in trying to reach a deal, known as a "compact." But the talks also include the state's pari-mutuel operators and global casino giants willing to drop big bucks on even the possibility of planting roots in Florida, a vacation destination with a growing population that's also home to some of the nation's most affluent citizens.

After repeated stabs at a compact fell through, speculation about an agreement involving Gov. Ron DeSantis, the Legislature and the tribe is roiling Tallahassee during the second half of the 2021 legislative session.

As negotiations simmer in secret, a Senate committee Monday approved two gambling-related measures unrelated to tribal casinos. But even those efforts could be a long shot.

Senate President Wilton Simpson, R-Trilby, has taken the reins on a prospective deal with the Seminoles, as he has for the past three years.

Simpson is trying to advance a deal designed to recapture tens of millions of dollars a year that evaporated after the state conceded that hugely popular "designated player" games conducted at many pari-mutuel cardrooms violated a 2010 compact with the Seminoles. That compact, struck by former Gov. Charlie Crist and state lawmakers, gave the tribe "exclusive" rights to operate banked card games such as blackjack in exchange for a minimum annual payment of \$150 million to the state.

Simpson has worked with the Seminoles to nail down a 30-year compact, but he was unable to convince DeSantis and House leaders to endorse a plan during the past two legislative sessions.

But this year, Simpson holds a powerful post as Senate president, and the compact could be part of horse-trading as the governor and House Speaker Chris Sprowls, R-Palm Harbor, seek to cement their legislative priorities.

After weeks without public movement on gambling issues, the Senate Regulated Industries Committee on Monday approved a bill (SPB 7076) that would create a five-member "Gaming Control Commission" to oversee gambling operations in the state. It also approved a bill (SPB 7080) that would do away with a requirement that many pari-mutuel facilities conduct live horse racing or jai alai games to offer more-lucrative card rooms, a process known as "decoupling."

The decoupling proposal, however, could face hurdles during the final three weeks of the legislative session.

Florida voters in 2018 approved a constitutional amendment that banned live greyhound racing at the state's dog tracks but allowed operators to continue to conduct card games and to offer slots in South Florida.

Pari-mutuel operators for years have pushed for decoupling, but critics say the card games are a reward for continuing to support the state's once-glamorous racing and jai alai industries.

The Senate plan approved by the committee Monday would affect pari-mutuels that have harness racing, quarter-horse racing and jai alai. Those facilities would no longer be required to offer the races or jai alai games while continuing to operate poker games or slot machines, which are allowed in Broward and Miami-Dade counties.

The Senate decoupling plan would not affect live racing at the state's two thoroughbred tracks, Gulfstream Park in Hallandale Beach and Tampa Bay Downs in Hillsborough County.

Thoroughbred breeders and owners support the plan, but a Gulfstream executive told the Senate panel Monday that allowing other pari-mutuels to do away with live racing and jai alai would put the track at a disadvantage in South Florida.

"The consequences of creating an uneven playing field among slot permit holders would be devastating to the Florida thoroughbred industry, which is one of the largest agricultural sectors in the state of Florida," said Mike Rogers, president of the Stronach Group, which owns Gulfstream.

Rogers noted that Florida first authorized pari-mutuel wagering in 1921.

"We're very concerned that this path could jeopardize thoroughbred racing on its 100th anniversary," he argued.

**Dara Kam reports for the News Service of Florida.**