

**ORDINANCE #2007 – 24**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, CREATING A POLICE ADVISORY BOARD; PROVIDING FOR MEMBERSHIP; PROVIDING FOR POWERS AND DUTIES; PROVIDING PURPOSE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to establish a Police Advisory Board to facilitate communication between the Police Department and members of the community; and

WHEREAS, the City Council hereby finds it in the best interests of the citizens of Doral to establish a Police Advisory Board; now, therefore

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

Section 1. That a new Section, entitled "Police Advisory Board," of the City of Doral Code of Ordinances is hereby created to read as follows:

Police Advisory Board.

(1) The Police Advisory Board of the City of Doral is hereby created.

(2) Composition; appointment and term of members: The Board shall consist of five (5) members, one (1) shall be a business owner (resident or non-resident), and at least one (1) member shall be from each of the City's three (3) geographic patrol areas. The Chief of Police or his designee shall serve as an advisor to the Board. Members shall be appointed by the Mayor, subject to approval of the majority of the City Council, annually. Vacancies for the unexpired terms of members shall be appointed by the Mayor and approved by the Council.

(3) The powers and duties of the Police Advisory Board shall include the following:

(a) Hold public hearings in order to solicit public input regarding police services and programs;

(b) Serve as a liaison between the police department and the community;

- (c) Encourage individuals and community groups to assist the police department in the implementation of police programs and services;
  - (d) Review and make recommendations concerning the construction, development and purchase of police facilities and equipment;
  - (e) Make an annual report to the Mayor, City Manager and City Council regarding its activities;
  - (f) Assist in educating the community at large concerning the function and role of the police department;
  - (g) Refer citizens who wish to file a complaint against the police department or its personnel to the department's internal affairs office;
  - (h) Discuss contemporary issues relating to the Police Department and the community to make recommendations to the Chief of Police regarding issues of common interest, and, when called upon, act as the sounding board for Department policy and procedures;
  - (i) Any other duties which the City Council may, in the future, request.
- (4) Selection of officers; meetings:
- (a) The Police Advisory Board and its committees shall select one of their members as Chairperson and such other officers as they may determine.
  - (b) The Board and its committees shall meet at such time and place as provided in their rules or procedures which rules shall also provide for the transaction of the business. Such rules and procedures shall become effective after approval by the City Council.
- (5) Membership; removal. The City Council shall have the authority to remove any member of the Board for misconduct, or for more than three (3) unexcused absences in any one (1) calendar year.

Section 2. Repeal of Conflicting Provisions. To the extent any provisions of the Code, as made applicable to the City through Section 8.03 of the City Charter conflict with this Chapter, those provisions are repealed in its 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 upon adoption on second reading.

The foregoing Ordinance was offered by Councilmember Van Name, 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
Councilman Michael DiPietro	Absent
Councilwoman Sandra Ruiz	Yes
Councilman Robert Van Name	Yes

PASSED AND ADOPTED on first reading this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2007.  
PASSED AND ADOPTED on second reading this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2007.

  
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JUAN CARLOS BERMUDEZ, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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BARBARA HERRERA, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND  
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

  
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JOHN J. HEARN, CITY ATTORNEY