



# CITY OF DORAL

## Office of the City Manager

### Letter to Council

LTC No. 030-2024

To: The Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Rey Valdes, City Manager

Date: September 19, 2024

Subject: **Business Tax Receipt Email Scam**

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This Letter to Council (LTC) serves to inform the Mayor and Members of the City Council of a recent email phishing campaign targeting several businesses in the City of Doral. Below are the details we have gathered:

**Fraudulent Email Details:**

Sender: "admin@cityofdoral.com <arf2026@trinitymarysville[.]org>"

Sender: "admin@cityofdoral.com <arf2033@trinitymarysville[.]org>"

Subject: "Business Tax Receipt Verification"

The attackers were using dynamic email addresses, and these are the examples we have identified, though there may be others. It is important to emphasize that these emails did not originate from within the city. The attackers have manipulated the sender's name to falsely present themselves as being affiliated with the City of Doral. I would like to note that, since a similar incident occurred in February of this year, most business owners were vigilant and able to identify the recent email as a scam and immediately notified the City of Doral.

Our IT department is working closely with Doral PD, Public Affairs, and Planning & Zoning and have coordinated a response via the City of Doral website and social media platforms. Captain Samika Gibson of Doral PD has been designated as the primary contact to assist potential victims. Furthermore, IT has blocked the email addresses as well as the domain @trinitymarysville.org from emailing any user at the City of Doral. If you receive any communications from individuals who may be affected, please direct them to Captain Samika Gibson at Samika.Gibson@doralpd.com. We will continue to provide updates as this situation evolves.