

CITY OF CORAL GABLES

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

TO: CITY COMMISSION
FROM: RAUL VALDES-FAULI
MAYOR

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CITY OF CORAL GABLES EMERGENCY ORDER SUSPENDING THE ISSUANCE OF SOLICITOR PERMITS UNTIL MIAMI-DADE COUNTY IS INCLUDED IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA'S PHASE 2 COVID-19 RE-OPENING

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, I declared a state of emergency for the City of Coral Gables, Florida (the "City") as authorized by Chapter 252.38(3)(a), Florida Statutes, Section 6 of the City Charter, and Section 27-2(c)(6) of the City Code in response to the Novel Coronavirus Disease-2019 (COVID-19) (the "Declaration"); and

WHEREAS, the increasing effects of COVID-19 continue to require immediate and extraordinary actions by the City of Coral Gables in order to protect the safety, health, and welfare of the public due to the propensity of COVID-19 to spread person to person; and

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control ("CDC"), COVID-19 spreads mainly from person to person through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs; and

WHEREAS, according to the CDC, due to COVID-19's method of transmission, it is critical to maintain 6-foot distance between persons to slow the spread of the virus; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County, which includes the City of Coral Gables, has yet to enter Phase 2 of the State of Florida's COVID-19 reopening with regard to permissible business activity; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County, which includes the City of Coral Gables, has significant restrictions in place with regard to the types of businesses and establishments that are permitted to operate, the mode in which those businesses may operate, and other similar restrictions, due to the current significant level of outbreak of COVID-19 in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, many residents of the City of Coral Gables are currently self-isolating in their homes to avoid expose to COVID-19, including many elderly residents and residents with underlying health conditions; and

WHEREAS, whether to assume the risks of exposure to COVID-19 that are associated with visiting a business or establishment is a decision left entirely to the individual, however, that choice is significantly reduced when a solicitor enters one's private property, uninvited; and

WHEREAS, existing “safer at home” orders have led to a significant increase of persons spending time in their homes in order to avoid contact with outside individuals; and

WHEREAS, in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents of Coral Gables, it is necessary to limit the ability of uninvited individuals to enter onto someone’s private property until such time as businesses are permitted to operate more freely under the State of Florida’s Phase 2 of re-opening;

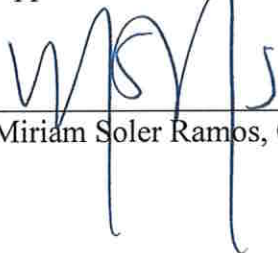
NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the Declaration and recent Miami-Dade County Emergency Orders collectively known as the “Safer at Home” and any further orders that may be issued to protect the health, safety and welfare of the City of Coral Gables. I, as Mayor of the City of Coral Gables, and pursuant to the authority granted to me by Section 252.38(3)(a), Florida Statutes, Section 6 of the City Charter, and Section 27-2(c)(3) of the City Code, and in addition to previously ordered emergency measures declared by myself and the City Manager, hereby direct and declare the following additional emergency measures, effective immediately (the “Order”):

The issuance of solicitor permits, under Chapter 50 of the City Code, shall be suspended until Miami-Dade County is included in the State of Florida’s Phase 2 re-opening for business activity.

THE EMERGENCY MEASURES THAT HAVE BEEN DIRECTED AND ORDERED ABOVE SHALL BE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AND SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL MIAMI-DADE COUNTY IS INCLUDED IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA’S PHASE 2 RE-OPENING FOR BUSINESS ACTIVITY.

C: City Manager
City Attorney
City Clerk
ACM
Directors

Approved as to form & legal sufficiency:



Miriam Soler Ramos, City Attorney