

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY REGULATIONS

(Pursuant to COVID-19 State of Emergency - March 16, 2020)

Order # 20-02

WHEREAS, the City of Hallandale Beach has declared a State of Emergency pursuant to Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, effective March 9, 2020, and renewed on March 16, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a severe acute respiratory illness that can spread among humans through respiratory transmission and other potential methods, and presents symptoms similar to those of influenza; and

WHEREAS, in December of 2019, a new and substantial outbreak of COVID-19 emerged in Wuhan, China, and has since spread rapidly to 117 countries and territories throughout the World, including the United States, and more specifically Broward County and 18 other counties in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared COVID-19 a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, according to the WHO, as of March 14, 2020, there are 142,539 confirmed cases of COVID-19 globally, and 5,393 deaths, with 9,769 new cases and 438 new deaths, and 12 new countries reporting cases of COVID-19, in the preceding 24 hours; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is predicting that it is likely that widespread transmission of COVID-19 will also occur in the United States; and

WHEREAS, no vaccine or drug is currently available to cure or combat COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, as of March 14, 2020, at least 36 persons in Broward County and 109 residents in the State of Florida have tested positive for COVID-19, with an unknown number of persons awaiting testing or awaiting test results; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hallandale Beach is threatened by COVID-19 because of the apparent ability of the virus to spread rapidly among humans and overwhelm health system capacities; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 thereby constitutes a clear and present threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens and visitors of the City of Hallandale Beach; and

WHEREAS, the CDC has issued guidelines for "community mitigation strategies" to limit the spread of COVID-19, including recommendations for social distancing, which has proven to be an effective method for containing COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order Number 20-52 regarding COVID-19, declaring a state of emergency in the State of Florida, and authorizing in accordance with Section 252.38, Florida Statutes, each political subdivision within the State to "waive the procedures and formalities otherwise required of the political subdivision by law pertaining to the performance of public work and taking whatever prudent action is necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the community;" and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sections 1.01, 3.04, and 6.05 of the City's Charter, Section 19-3 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Hallandale Beach, Florida, and Florida Statutes Chapters 255 and 870, and the Declaration of State of Emergency existing since March 9, 2020 and renewed on March 16, 2020, during a declared State of Emergency the City Manager is authorized to establish a curfew and mandate the closing of establishments.

WHEREAS, the Federal government is recommending that persons do not participate in gatherings of more than ten people; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County, adjacent to the southern limits of the City, has issued an executive order closing all restaurants and places of entertainment, potentially driving a much higher volume of crowds into the City of Hallandale Beach; and

WHEREAS, minimization of contact is necessary to avoid risk of COVID-19 infection for the residents of the City; and

WHEREAS, gathering places such as restaurants, concert halls, bars, night clubs, banquet halls cabarets, breweries, gyms and bowling alleys increase the potential for the spread of COVID-19; and

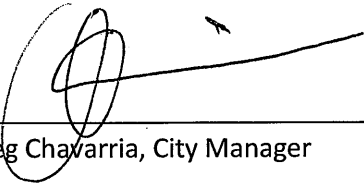
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Chavarria, City Manager of the City of Hallandale Beach, Florida, pursuant to the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Florida and the City of Hallandale Beach, do hereby declare and establish that:

1. All restaurants, bars, taverns, pubs, night clubs, banquet halls, cocktail lounges, cabarets, breweries, cafeterias, casinos, pari-mutuels, entertainment complexes and any other alcohol and/or food service business establishment with seating for more than eight people within the City of Hallandale Beach shall close on-premises service and congregating of customers. Notwithstanding the foregoing, such establishments may operate their kitchens for the purpose of providing delivery services as authorized in paragraph 3 below, and employees, janitorial personnel, contractors, and delivery personnel shall be allowed access to such establishments.
2. This order shall not apply to grocery stores, pharmacies, gas stations, and convenience stores, except that those discrete portions of such establishments that provide alcohol and/or food services with seating for more than eight people shall abide by the restrictions in paragraph 1.


3. This order shall not apply to delivery services, pick-up, takeout services provided by any of the establishments listed in paragraph 1 or 2.
4. All movie theaters, concert houses, auditoriums, playhouses, bowling alleys, arcades, gymnasiums and fitness studios shall close. This order shall not apply to gymnasiums or fitness centers which are: (i) amenities of hotels and which have a capacity for 10 persons or less, (ii) are an amenity of residential building, (iii) are interior to any fire or police stations, or (iv) are located inside any single-occupant office building.
5. This order shall expire upon the expiration of the existing City of Hallandale Beach State of Local Emergency, except that if such State of Emergency is extended, this order shall also be deemed to extend for the duration of such extension. This order may be cancelled earlier by action of the City Manager.
6. This order shall be effective as of 10pm, March 17, 2020.
7. This order cancels, supersedes, and replaces the previous City of Hallandale Beach Declaration of Emergency Regulation 20-01 issued March 16, 2020.
8. The following events and activities within the City of Hallandale Beach continue to be postponed, cancelled, or suspended:
 - A. All Special Magistrate, Code Enforcement, Board of Adjustment, and Nuisance Abatement Board hearings;
 - B. All homeowner association and civic association meetings conducted or held on City property;
 - C. All City events, including but not limited to, events approved pursuant to Chapter 15, Article V, Code of Ordinances of the City of Hallandale Beach; and
 - D. All City regular recreational programs and facilities, facility rentals, and organized sports leagues.
9. All public gatherings of any type, whether organized or otherwise, of greater than 250 persons are prohibited.
10. All public beaches and parks in the City of Hallandale Beach are closed.
11. All citizens and visitors of the City of Hallandale Beach are directed to comply with these emergency regulations and necessary measures, which shall be strictly enforced, and to cooperate with public officials and public safety personnel in executing any emergency operational plans, and to obey and comply with the lawful direction of all properly identified public officers.
12. Any violation of any rule or regulation issued and set forth herein shall be punishable as provided in Florida Statutes Chapter 870 and/or Chapter 1, Section 1-6, Code of Ordinances, City of Hallandale Beach.

ISSUED THIS 17th DAY OF MARCH 2020, HALLANDALE BEACH, BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA.

BY:



Greg Chavarria, City Manager



Joy F. Cooper, Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk