

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY REGULATIONS

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

Order # 20-03

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

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

WHEREAS, as of March 22, 2020, at least 217 persons in Broward County have tested positive for COVID-19, and the County has issued an order closing all non-essential businesses including restaurants, clubs, bars, casinos, and limiting hotel occupancy; 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, the City of Hallandale Beach Emergency Ordinance 2020-009 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, minimization of contact is necessary to avoid risk of COVID-19 infection for the residents of the City; 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:

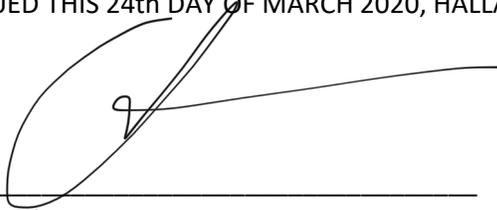
- 1. Curfew.** In order to protect the public health, safety and welfare, and in an effort to mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus, a curfew is hereby established within the jurisdictional limits of the City of Hallandale Beach, which curfew shall commence March 24, 2020 and continue until further notice between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. No person shall be outside within the City during the curfew hours either as a pedestrian or by means of any vehicle, unless such person engaged in essential travel. "Essential travel" is defined as: travel necessary to obtain medication or health services; if the person is providing police, fire, or other governmental services; providing assistance expressly requested by police, fire or governmental personnel; or participating in, going to, or returning from a place of work or occupation; or participating in, going to, or returning from providing assistance to an individual with a disability or a medical need or who is vulnerable to COVID-19. No person shall occupy any outside area during the curfew hours except upon the express authorization of the City of Hallandale Beach Police Department. This Order shall not prohibit a person from walking a pet animal in the vicinity of his or her residence at which the animal is being maintained.
- 2. Pools and Gyms.** In an effort to limit congregation, which results in increased danger of infection, and in response to several complaints received by residents of large groups congregating in common pools and non-sanitary practices in gyms; all pools and gyms in common areas of hotels, homeowner associations or condominiums are required to be closed until further notice.
- 3. Sanitation requirements.** Due to the required closures of non-essential businesses, the Director of Public Works is delegated the temporary authority to waive sanitation frequency requirements and associated costs as he determines appropriate on a case-by-case basis. No business shall be entitled to a waiver under this provision.
- 4. Observance of Social Distancing Practices.** As to all activities permitted under this Order, residents and visitors shall adhere to social distancing practices, such as maintaining a distance of at least six (6) feet away from others, washing hands with soap and water for at least twenty seconds or using hand sanitizer, covering coughs or

sneezes (into the sleeve or elbow, not hands), regularly cleaning high-touch surfaces, and not shaking hands. Residents and visitors are strongly encouraged to limit all of their travel and congregation, except as absolutely necessary. Persons at high risk of severe illness from COVID- 19 and people who are sick are strongly encouraged to stay in their residence to the extent possible, except as necessary to seek medical care.

5. This order is in addition to all previously issued and applicable emergency orders. In case of conflict with any provisions of previous orders, this order supersedes the conflicting provision.

ISSUED THIS 24th DAY OF MARCH 2020, HALLANDALE BEACH, BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA.

BY:



Greg Chavarria, City Manager

ATTEST:



City Clerk

