



OFFICE OF THE MANAGER
EMERGENCY ORDER No. 20-04
VIRTUAL TOWN HALL

WHEREAS: based on the imminent threat to the life, health and wellbeing of our residents imposed by the novel, COVID-19 virus, and pursuant to powers provided in Florida Statutes § 252.38 and the Town of Miami Lakes Code, on March 12, 2020, the Town of Miami Lakes declared a State of Emergency to be in existence; and

WHEREAS: in order to combat the spread of this deadly virus, the State of Florida and Miami-Dade County and the Town of Miami Lakes have issued various orders, including Miami-Dade County which have closed parks and beaches, non-essential businesses, restricted congregating in social places and encouraged social distancing by prohibiting the congregation of ten or more persons at any given location throughout Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS: COVID-19 is a severe acute respiratory illness, which is highly contagious, and can spread easily among humans through physical contact; and

WHEREAS: in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19 on March 26, 2020, the Town of Miami Lakes adopted a Safer at Home Order which requires the cessation of all non-essential activity and encourages all residents to stay at home until further notice; and

WHEREAS: COVID-19 poses an equal threat of health and safety to our Town residents and employees; and

WHEREAS: the Centers for Disease Control (the "CDC") has passed various guidelines including social distancing, and eliminating large gatherings of persons by limiting to groups of ten or less;

WHEREAS: in order to ensure adherence to these CDC rules, it is necessary to avoid employees gathering in one location for any period of time.

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THEREFORE: as Town Manager of the Town of Miami Lakes, I, Edward Pidermann pursuant to Emergency Management Powers granted under Florida Statutes §252.38, Section 8.3 of the Town Charter and Section 8B-5 of Miami-Dade County Code, order the immediate closure of Town Hall, and the establishment of a virtual Town Hall as provided herein:

1. Town Hall located at 6601 Main Street, Miami Lakes, Florida 33014, shall remain closed until further notice.
2. All employees shall report to their respective supervisors and shall continue working from home, as needed.
3. All necessary public safety personnel shall continue to perform their duties as needed
4. All Town Personnel shall be responsible for responding to email and voice mail
5. Residents will be able to communicate with the Town via email and telephone. All emails and telephone numbers will remain active during this period.
6. All online services shall remain active during this period.
7. Additional rules and notifications shall be issued, from time to time, as necessary to ensure the continuity and provision of essential Town services.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Town of Miami Lakes to be affixed this 26 day of March at 5:00 p.m./a.m. (EST).



ATTEST:

Edward Pidermann, Town Manager



GINA INGUANZO, Town Clerk