



City of North Miami Beach, Florida

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SUBJECT: Easing COVID-19 Restrictions – Reducing Curfew Hours

CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH EMERGENCY ORDER EASING COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS BY REDUCING CURFEW HOURS

On March 11, 2020, Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos A. Gimenez declared a public health emergency in Miami-Dade County (the "County"), as a result of mounting presumptive positive cases of COVID-19. The City of North Miami Beach (the "City") similarly issued its own emergency declaration on March 12, 2020 for an initial seven (7) day period and extended the emergency with subsequent orders through the date of this Order.

In furtherance of the emergency declarations, the State of Florida, the County, and the City each issued a variety of emergency orders imposing restrictions on personal and business activity aimed at reducing the spread of COVID-19. These orders included, without limitation, such measures as: temporarily closing private facilities, including the temporary closure all non-essential retail and commercial establishments within the County, and identifying essential retail and commercial businesses which may remain open, subject to any further City restrictions, the closure of certain public facilities, restrictions on assemblies, and the imposition of a curfew by the City.

Following an extended period of protective measures, Governor Ron DeSantis executed Order 20-122, allowing Miami-Dade County to proceed to Phase 1 of the Safe, Smart, Step by Step Plan for Florida's Recovery. With hospitalizations stabilizing and decreasing in the County, Mayor Gimenez executed Emergency 23-20, on May 15, 2020, allowing various establishments throughout the County to open and resume operations,

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subject to a variety of restrictions designed to minimize the risk of spreading COVID-19 while allowing economic activity. Since that date, and the ensuing cooperation of the public, a variety of previously closed sectors and places have reopened and previously prohibited activities have resumed, subject to safety conditions. However, subsequently, and following a period of civil unrest in the County that began on May 30, 2020, Mayor Gimenez imposed a countywide curfew from 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., effective May 31, 2020. The countywide curfew was lifted on June 8, 2020.

With the safety and welfare of its residents remaining at the forefront of its considerations, and recognizing the care with which its residents have resumed personal and business activity in the community, *the City desires to ease COVID-19 restrictions previously imposed by reducing the hours of the curfew in the City. **The reduced curfew hours from midnight to 5:00 a.m., currently in effect shall continue until further notice.*** All other conditions associated with the curfew shall remain in effect.

The City will continue to monitor activity in the community. With the cooperation of its residents, business patrons, and visitors, the City will work to evaluate and further reduce COVID-19 restrictions in a sensible and progressive manner, so as to allow for personal and business activity to return to normal while maintaining measures in place that reduce a resurgence of COVID-19.