

**CITY OF NORTH MIAMI**  
**“SAFER AT HOME” EMERGENCY ORDER**  
**(EFFECTIVE TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2020 @ 12:00 a.m.)**

**WHEREAS**, on Friday, March 13, 2020, I, as Interim City Manager of the City of North Miami, declared a state of emergency which, among other requirements, imposed emergency measures effective immediately; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County has issued various Emergency Orders temporarily closing public and private facilities, including the temporary closure of all non-essential retail and commercial establishments within Miami-Dade County, and identifying essential retail and commercial establishments which may remain open, subject to any further City restrictions, as set forth in the City’s Declaration of State of Emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, numerous counties, municipalities and at least four (4) states have adopted versions of “stay at home” or “safer at home” orders designed to protect the health and well-being of residents, to create social distancing in an effort to limit community spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, this Order is given because of the propensity of the virus to spread person to person and also because the virus physically is causing property damage due to its proclivity to attach to surfaces for prolonged periods of time.

**Now, therefore, I, Arthur H. Sorey, III, Interim City Manager**, by virtue of the power vested in me by the North Miami Code of Ordinances pursuant to the state of emergency that I executed on Friday, March 13, 2020, I hereby **ORDER** and **PROMULGATE** the following additional emergency measures, effective **March 31, 2020 at 12:00 a.m.** (the “Order”):

**Section 1.** All persons living within the City of North Miami (“City”) are strongly urged to remain in their homes, subject only to the exceptions outlined in Paragraph 4 below.

**Section 2.** All public and private gatherings of any number of people occurring outside a residence are prohibited, except as to those exempted activities described in this Paragraph and Paragraph 4. This provision does not apply to gatherings within a single household or living unit.

**Section 3.** All travel, including, without limitation, travel on foot, bicycle, scooter, motorcycle, automobile, or use of public transit is restricted, subject to the exceptions in Paragraph 4.

**Section 4. Exceptions.** Notwithstanding the “Safer at Home” directive herein, all residents in the City may lawfully engage in the following activities:

- (a) **Essential Retail and Commercial Activities.** Residents may engage in essential retail and commercial activities, including, without limitation, travel to or from essential retail and commercial businesses, as defined in Miami-Dade County Emergency Order 07-20, as may be further amended by Miami-Dade County and/or further amended by the City's Emergency Orders. These essential retail and commercial activities include grocery stores; convenience stores; food distribution centers; restaurants (for take-out and delivery only, and subject to social distance separation of at least 6 feet between patrons); hospitals, pharmacies; and health care providers (including doctor's offices, rehab centers and urgent care centers); gas stations and auto-repair facilities; banks; hardware stores; businesses that provide postal/shipping services and other office products; laundry service providers, childcare facilities providing services to groups of ten (10) or fewer (subject to limitations in County Emergency Orders); certain professional services; home-based care for seniors, adults or children; pet supply stores, veterinarian and pet boarding facilities; and offices in support of essential retail and commercial activities.
- (b) **Outdoor Recreational Activities.** Residents may engage in outdoor activity and recreation in areas not otherwise closed to the public pursuant to Miami-Dade County Emergency Orders or the City's State of Emergency, provided that the individuals maintain a distance of at least six (6) feet between each other, including, without limitation, walking, hiking, running, or cycling.
- (c) **Personal Support Activities.** Residents may travel to and from their homes to care for or support a friend, family member, or pet in another household.
- (d) **Work in Support of Essential Activities.** Residents in the City may continue to perform work in support of essential activities (e.g. to perform work providing essential products and services or to otherwise carry out activities specifically permitted in this Order or any Order of a City, County, State or Federal governmental entity). Travel by personnel of essential retail and commercial businesses shall be permitted, including personnel providing essential services to residents within their homes, such as repair services, appliance repair, sanitation and extermination, landscaping and pool services. Home care, housekeeping, childcare or other essential services (as provided in Miami-Dad County Emergency Orders, as amended), provided persons engaging in these essential activities shall maintain reasonable social distancing practices.
- (e) **Government Employees and Emergency Personnel.** All first responders, gang and crisis intervention workers, public health workers, emergency management personnel, emergency dispatchers, law enforcement personnel and related contractors, persons working for emergency services providers, and government employees performing work in the course and scope of their employment are categorically exempt from this Order.

(f) **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 (20) 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, 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.

**Section 5.** Nothing herein shall limit or apply to any essential retail, commercial, governmental or other operation or activity permitted under any Miami-Dade County Emergency Order or City of North Miami Emergency Order.

**Section 6.** This Order is in addition to, and supplements, the City’s Emergency Orders. All requirements of City Emergency Orders, Miami-Dade County Emergency Orders, and State of Florida Executive Orders shall be strictly adhered to at all times.

**THE EMERGENCY MEASURES THAT HAVE BEEN ORDERED AND PROMULGATED ABOVE SHALL BE EFFECTIVE MARCH 13, 2020 AT 12:00 a.m. UNTIL RESCINDED BY THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER.**

Dated: 3/30/2020

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Arthur H. Sorey, III, Interim City Manager

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Vanessa Joseph, City Clerk

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Jeff P. H. Cazeau, City Attorney