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CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH EMERGENCY ORDER RECOMMENDING INDIVIDUAL TO SHELTER AT HOME, LIMIT MOVEMENT & GROUPS, & EXCEPTIONS

On March 11, 2020, the Miami-Dade County Mayor 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 a second declaration on March 20, 2020.

The 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 the County, and identifying essential retail and commercial businesses which may remain open, subject to any further City restrictions, as set forth in the City's Emergency Orders. Numerous counties, municipalities, and at least four states have adopted versions of "stay at home" or "safer at home" orders designed to protect the health and well-being of residents and to create social distancing in an effort to limit community spread of COVID-19. On March 25, 2020, the County issued Order 11-20 specifically urging certain groups of individuals to shelter in place to further underscore protection, especially for those groups most at risk to COVID-19. Governor DeSantis, via Executive Order 20-83, similarly ordered individuals over the age of 65 to self-isolate.

In an effort to contain the spread of COVID-19 to the greatest extent possible and to work to ease the impact of those infected on the City's first responders and healthcare facilities and providers serving our community, the City deems it in the best interest of public health to issue this additional emergency order with the following measures:

1. **All persons living within North Miami Beach are strongly urged to remain in their homes**, subject only to the exceptions outlined in Paragraph 5 below. Most at risk for contracting and experiencing severe illness of COVID-19 are:
 - a. Persons over the age of 65 years of age; and
 - b. Persons having serious underlying medical conditions as established by the Center for Disease Control, such as, without limitation, chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthmas, serious heart conditions, immunocompromised status (including those in cancer treatment), and severe obesity.
2. **Employers within the City are urged to allow their employees, especially the foregoing at-risk individuals, to work from home or in a remote setting, to the extent**



possible, or, in the alternative, to offer flexibility with available leave time to ensure such individuals are protected.

3. **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 5.** This order is over and above County Order 10-20 prohibiting a group of 10 or more individuals from gathering on a public street, alley, public way, sidewalk, of government facility open to the public. This provision does not apply to gatherings within a single household or living unit.
4. **All travel, including, without limitation, travel on foot, bicycle, scooter, motorcycle, automobile, or use of public transit is prohibited, subject to the exceptions in Paragraph 5.**
5. **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 the 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 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 County or City Emergency Orders, provided that individuals observe the directive of Paragraph 3 and 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-Dade County Emergency Orders, as amended), provided persons engaging in these essential activities shall maintain reasonable social distancing practices.

 - (e) **Government Employees and Emergency Personnel.** The limitations of paragraphs 1 and 3 do not apply to (1) federal, state, or City government employees, or contractors acting on behalf of such entities, who are providing services in any public street, alley, sidewalk, or public way which requires a group of individuals which would otherwise be in violation of this order; (2) first responders, (3) gang and crisis intervention workers, (4) public health workers, (5) emergency management personnel, (6) emergency dispatchers, (7) law enforcement personnel, and (8) persons working for emergency services providers.
6. **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, 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.

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 North Miami Beach Emergency Order. This Order is in addition to, and supplements, the City's Emergency Orders. All requirements of City Emergency

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