

North Miami Beach Deems Crestview Towers Condominium Unsafe Orders Immediate Evacuation and Closure

North Miami Beach, Fla. (July 2, 2021) – The North Miami Beach Building and Zoning Department today ordered the immediate closure and evacuation of Crestview Towers Condominium, 2025 NE 164th St., for unsafe structural and electrical conditions.

Following the tragic collapse of Champlain Towers South on June 24th, North Miami Beach immediately launched a thorough review of all condo high-rise buildings above five (5) stories to determine if they are in compliance with county and city 40 Year Recertification process and certified as safe for occupancy. Today, Crestview Towers submitted a recertification report, dated January 11, 2021, in which an engineer retained by the condo association board concluded that the 156-unit building was structurally and electrically unsafe. Crestview Towers was built in 1972.

- On June 26, Miami-Dade Mayor suggested an audit of buildings 40 years old and older.
- City Manager, Arthur Sorey, III, asked for an audit on June 29.
- After reviewing the Building Department files, the Building official sent out notices and cited a building that was not in compliance. The building is located at 2025 NE 164 Street, which is managed by Crestview Condo Association.
- An inspector went to the building on July 2 to follow up with the notice.
- On July 2, 2021, the condominium building manager came to the Building Dept and brought a Recertification Report.
- In the Report, the Association's engineer deemed the property unsafe.
- The City's Building Official has deemed the building unsafe based on the Report and requested immediate evacuation of all residents in the Building.

The North Miami Beach Police Department is assisting the condo association with the safe and orderly evacuation of its residents. The City is working with the American Red Cross to find temporary shelter for displaced residents who do not have somewhere else to stay.

“In an abundance of caution, the City ordered the building closed immediately and the residents evacuated for their protection, while a full structural assessment is conducted and next steps are determined,” North Miami Beach City Manager Arthur H. Sorey, III said. “Nothing is more important than the safety and lives of our residents, and we will not rest until we ensure this building is 100% safe.”