



City of Coral Gables  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
May 11, 2021

**ITEM TITLE:**

**Ordinance on First Reading.** An Ordinance of the City Commission of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, amending Chapter 62, Article VII “Special Events and Parades,” Section 62-303 “Covid-19 Emergency Business Recovery Special Event Permit” of the City Code to extend its applicability and expiration through January 15, 2022 in order to safely continue to expand economic opportunities to businesses in the City impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic; providing for severability, repealer, and codification; and providing for an effective date. (Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

**BRIEF HISTORY:**

On June 9, 2020, the City Commission adopted Emergency Ordinance No. 2020-18, creating Section 62-203 “Covid-19 Emergency Business Recovery Special Event Permit” to provide a streamlined and expedited process for review and approval of special events organized to enhance economic opportunities for businesses impacted by COVID-19, waive the application fee for such special event applications, and relax other requirements. As adopted, Section 62-203(d) provides that it shall be valid and applicable to Covid-19 recovery special events scheduled through January 15, 2021 and that the section shall expire on January 15, 2021. Pursuant to Ordinance No. 2021-03, the City Commission extended the expiration and applicability of the section through June 15, 2021.

The City Commission acknowledges that the Covid-19 recovery special event process has been a successful measure to allow affected establishments to maximize their ability to serve patrons while implementing social distancing measures and that the expanded opportunities have been well-received in the community. Given that the City remains under a declaration of a state of emergency and that establishments in the City continue to seek ways of implementing social distancing measures, the City Commission wishes to extend the deadline for the applicability and expiration of Section 62-303(d) through January 15, 2022.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. Draft Resolution
2. Emergency Ordinance No. 2020-18
3. Ordinance No. 2021-03