



City of Coral Gables  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
January 11, 2022

**ITEM TITLE:**

**Resolution.** A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, extending through May 31, 2022, the authority granted to the City Manager to relax current standards for outdoor/open-air dining and signage in order to provide for expanded outdoor seating opportunities at restaurants and suspending all applicable fees. (Sponsored by Mayor Lago) (Sponsored by Commissioner Anderson)

**BRIEF HISTORY:**

In order to provide for expanded economic opportunities to establishments affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, while complying with social distancing measures, on May 26, 2020, the City Commission adopted Resolution No. 2020-119 which authorized the City Manager to provide expanded outdoor seating opportunities in the right-of-way, on private property, and on city-owned properties by relaxing the requirements in Appendix E, Section E.1(B)(4)<sup>1</sup> and 3-315<sup>2</sup> of the Zoning Code relating to outdoor dining/open-air dining requirements; to waive all fees applicable to outdoor dining/open-air dining permits; to provide for expedited permitting; to temporarily close streets, subject to County approval, if required, to provide restaurants with additional outdoor dining opportunities; and to relax applicable standards relating to signage. The City Manager was granted such authority through January 15, 2021, which was further extended through June 15, 2021 by Resolution 2020-266 and to January 15, 2022 by Resolution No. 2021-76.

The City Commission acknowledges that the expansion of such authority has been a successful measure to allow establishments to maximize their ability to serve patrons outdoors and that the expanded opportunities have been well-received in the community. As such, the City Commission wishes to extend the deadline set forth in Resolution No. 2021-76 through May 31, 2022.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. Draft Resolution
2. Resolution No. 2020-119
3. Resolution No. 2020-266
4. Resolution No. 2021-76

<sup>1</sup> Formerly Section 4-206(B)(4) of the 2007 Zoning Code (As Amended) which has since been reorganized and renumbered.

<sup>2</sup> Formerly Section 5-119 of the 2007 Zoning Code (As Amended) which has since been reorganized and renumbered.