



City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
December 8, 2020

ITEM TITLE:

Ordinance on First Reading. An Ordinance of the City Commission of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, amending Division 21 “Temporary Uses,” Section 5-2111 “Covid-19 Emergency Business Recovery Temporary Use Permit” of the Zoning Code to extend its applicability and expiration of temporary use permits through June 15, 2021 in order to safely continue to expand and create economic opportunities for businesses and flexibilities for civic uses in the City impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic; providing for severability, repealer, codification, and an effective date. (Sponsored by Mayor Valdés-Fauli)

BRIEF HISTORY:

In order to provide for expanded economic opportunities to establishments affected by COVID-19 while complying with social distancing measures, on July 14, 2020, the City Commission adopted Emergency Ordinance No. 2020-20 which amended the City Zoning Code to create Section 5-2111 “Covid-19 Emergency Business Recovery Temporary Use Permit” to provide a local business with the opportunity to expand its operations outdoors onto a surface parking lot or vacant lot and a civic type use with the ability to operationally expand into temporary structures in order to respond to the emergency nature of the COVID-19 pandemic and all necessary guidelines. Section 5-2111 provides that the temporary use permits shall remain active until January 15, 2021 unless extended at the discretion of the City Commission.

The City Commission acknowledges that establishment of such temporary use permits has been a successful measure to allow affected establishments to maximize their ability to serve patrons while complying with 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 be subject to restrictions providing for social distancing measures, the City Commission wishes to extend the applicability and expiration of temporary use permits set forth in Section 5-2111 of the Zoning Code and in Emergency Ordinance 2020-20 through June 15, 2021.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Draft Resolution
2. Emergency Ordinance No. 2020-20