



**City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
May 11, 2021**

ITEM TITLE:

Resolution.

A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, extending through January 15, 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 to assist with social distancing at restaurants and suspending all applicable fees. (Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

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)¹ and 3-315² 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.

The City Commission acknowledges that the expansion of such authority 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 seek effective ways to implement social distancing measures, the City Commission wishes to extend the deadline set forth in Resolution No. 2020-266 through January 15, 2022.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Draft Resolution
2. Resolution No. 2020-119
3. Resolution No. 2020-266

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

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