



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 Section 3-600 “Temporary Uses,” Section 3-611 “Covid-19 Emergency Business Recovery Temporary Use Permit” of the Zoning Code to extend its applicability and expiration of temporary use permits through January 15, 2022 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 Lago)

**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 3-611<sup>1</sup> “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 3-611 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 amended Section 6-611 pursuant to Ordinance No. 2021-04 to allow such temporary use permits to remain active through June 15, 2021 and also provide that the ordinance shall expire on June 15, 2021

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 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 effective ways to implement social distancing measures, the City Commission wishes to extend the applicability and expiration of temporary use permits set forth in Section 3-611 of the Zoning Code and in Emergency Ordinance 2020-20 and Ordinance No. 2021-04 through January 15, 2022.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. Draft Resolution
2. Emergency Ordinance No. 2020-20
3. Ordinance No. 2021-04

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<sup>1</sup> Emergency Ordinance No. 2020-20 created Section 5-2111 under the then-existing numbering of the City’s 2007 Zoning Code (As Amended). The Zoning Code was subsequently updated, re-organized, and re-numbered and this Cover Memo and proposed draft ordinance refers to the current code sections of the Zoning Code.