

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-**

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

**WHEREAS**, on March 12, 2020, Mayor Raúl Valdés-Fauli declared a state of emergency for the City of Coral Gables, Florida (the “City”) as authorized by Section 252.38(3)(a), Florida Statutes, and Section 27-2(c)(6) of the City Code in response to the Novel Coronavirus Disease-2019 (COVID-19) (the “Declaration”); and

**WHEREAS**, in order to provide for expanded economic opportunities to establishments affected by COVID-19 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 Section 3-315 and Appendix E, Section E.1(B)(4) 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; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Manager was granted such authority through January 15, 2021, which was further extended through June 15, 2021 by Resolution No. 2020-266 and through January 15, 2022 by Resolution No. 2021-76; and

**WHEREAS**, while the Declaration is no longer in effect, the City Commission acknowledges that the expansion of such authority has been a successful measure to allow affected establishments to maximize their ability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 outdoors and that the expanded opportunities have been well-received in the community; and

**WHEREAS**, given that establishments in the City continue to seek effective ways to serve patrons outdoors, the City Commission wishes to extend the deadline set forth in Resolution 2021-76 through May 31, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission finds that this resolution does not impose restrictions or mandates upon businesses or individuals due to the COVID-19 emergency and instead, expands economic opportunities for businesses, and as such, is in compliance with the Governor’s Executive Order No. 21-102;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES:**

**SECTION 1.** The foregoing "Whereas" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon adoption hereof.

**SECTION 2.** That the City Commission extends the grant of authority to the City Manager to provide for expanded opportunities by relaxing applicable standards as set forth in Resolution No. 2020-119, and as extended by Resolution Nos. 2020-226 and 2021-76, through May 31, 2022, unless further extended by the City Commission. Specifically, through May 31, 2022, the City Manager is authorized to continue to provide expanded outdoor seating opportunities in the right-of-way, on private property, and on city-owned properties by relaxing the requirements in Section 3-315 and Appendix E, Section E.1(B)(4) of the Zoning Code relating to outdoor dining/open-air dining requirements, while continuing to adhere to requirements under the Americans with Disabilities Act and general life safety standards; to waive all fees applicable to outdoor dining/open-air dining permits; and to provide for expedited permitting. The City Manager is also authorized, through May 31, 2022, to temporarily close streets, subject to County approval if required, to provide restaurants with additional outdoor dining opportunities. Additionally, in furtherance of providing expanded economic opportunity, the City Manager is granted the authority, through May 31, 2022, to relax applicable standards set forth in the City Code and Zoning Code relating to signage.

**SECTION 3.** That said resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS ELEVENTH DAY OF JANUARY, A.D., 2022.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

VINCE LAGO  
MAYOR

BILLY URQUIA  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

MIRIAM SOLER RAMOS  
CITY ATTORNEY