



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 Chapter 62, Article VII “Special Events and Parades,” Section 62-303 “Covid-19 Emergency Business Recovery Special Event Permit” of the City Code to extend its applicability and expiration through June 15, 2021 in order to safely continue to expand economic opportunities to businesses in the City impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic; providing for severability, repealer, and codification; and providing for an effective date. (Sponsored by Mayor Valdés-Fauli)

BRIEF HISTORY:

On June 9, 2020, the City Commission adopted Emergency Ordinance No. 2020-18, creating Section 62-203 “Covid-19 Emergency Business Recovery Special Event Permit” to provide a streamlined and expedited process for review and approval of special events organized to enhance economic opportunities for businesses impacted by COVID-19, waive the application fee for such special event applications, and relax other requirements. As adopted, Section 62-203(d) provides that it shall be valid and applicable to Covid-19 recovery special events scheduled through January 15, 2021 and that the section shall expire on January 15, 2021.

The City Commission acknowledges that the Covid-19 recovery special event process 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 deadline for the applicability and expiration of Section 62-303(d) through June 15, 2021.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Draft Resolution
2. Emergency Ordinance No. 2020-18