



City of Coral Gables  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
February 15, 2022

**ITEM TITLE:**

**Emergency Ordinance.** An Emergency Ordinance of the City Commission amending Section 3-600 of the Zoning Code to create Section 3-612 “Covid-19 Testing Site Temporary Use Permit” to allow for the siting of Covid-19 testing, vaccination, and treatment sites operated by Federal, State, or Local Government Agencies through February 15, 2023; providing for severability clause, repealer provision, codification, and providing for an effective date.

**BRIEF HISTORY:**

Due to the prevalence of variants of Novel Coronavirus Disease-2019 (“Covid-19”), there continues to be demand for Covid-19 testing, vaccination, and treatment within the City. The City has received requests from federal, state, and/or local government agencies seeking to open and operate temporary Covid-19 testing, vaccination, and treatment sites on property located within the City.

The proposed ordinance would establish a process for the issuance of temporary use permits for such sites to allow federal, state, or local government agencies (or through their respective contractors) to satisfy the continued demand for Covid-19 testing by allowing such sites to operate on surface parking lots or vacant lots in temporary structures.

Given the emergency nature of Covid-19, the ongoing and immediate demand for local testing, vaccination, and treatment options, and that the City is in receipt of requests to operate such temporary testing sites, the proposed emergency ordinance would immediately authorize the City Manager to provide for the review and approval of temporary use permits for Covid-19 testing sites operated by federal, state, or local government agencies, or their contractors, through February 15, 2023.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. Draft Emergency Ordinance