



City of Coral Gables
SPECIAL/EMERGENCY CITY COMMISSION MEETING
June 29, 2020

ITEM TITLE:

Emergency Ordinance. An Emergency Ordinance of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, amending Chapter 27 State of Emergency Ordinance, Section 27-2 “Mayor; powers” and creating Section 27-12 “Enforcement of emergency orders issued by the City of Coral Gables; penalties”; providing for a Repealer Provision, Severability Clause, Codification, Enforceability, waiving pre-publication, and providing for an Effective Date.

BRIEF HISTORY:

Since March 12, 2020, the City of Coral Gables has been under a declared a state of emergency due to the Novel Coronavirus Disease-2019 (COVID-19). The Novel Coronavirus Disease continues to spread in the area and the City, County, and State remain in a state of emergency.

In accordance with Section 252.50, Florida Statutes, any person violating any provision of an emergency order is guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable by a definite term of imprisonment not exceeding sixty (60) days or a \$500.00 fine. The City, under its Home Rule Powers, and the City Code, has issued emergency orders that authorize enforcement pursuant to code enforcement procedures. However, in an abundance of caution, this proposed amendment will provide additional authority for enforcement of violations of emergency orders which avoids voluminous arrests that are detrimental to individuals, tax police resources, and burden the criminal justice system.

In adopting this Emergency Ordinance, the City Commission finds that the amendments contemplated in this Emergency Ordinance are necessary in order to ensure enforcement of its emergency orders that are issued to protect public health, safety, and welfare.

Passage of this ordinance requires a 4/5 vote of the City Commission.

1. Draft Ordinance