

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY REGULATIONS

(Pursuant to COVID-19 State of Emergency - March 16, 2020)

WHEREAS, the City of Hallandale Beach has declared a State of Emergency pursuant to Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, effective March 9, 2020, and renewed on March 16, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a severe acute respiratory illness that can spread among humans through respiratory transmission and other potential methods, and presents symptoms similar to those of influenza; and

WHEREAS, in December of 2019, a new and substantial outbreak of COVID-19 emerged in Wuhan, China, and has since spread rapidly to 117 countries and territories throughout the World, including the United States, and more specifically Broward County and 18 other counties in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared COVID-19 a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, according to the WHO, as of March 14, 2020, there are 142,539 confirmed cases of COVID-19 globally, and 5,393 deaths, with 9,769 new cases and 438 new deaths, and 12 new countries reporting cases of COVID-19, in the preceding 24 hours; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is predicting that it is likely that widespread transmission of COVID-19 will also occur in the United States; and

WHEREAS, no vaccine or drug is currently available to cure or combat COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, as of March 14, 2020, at least 36 persons in Broward County and 109 residents in the State of Florida have tested positive for COVID-19, with an unknown number of persons awaiting testing or awaiting test results; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hallandale Beach is threatened by COVID-19 because of the apparent ability of the virus to spread rapidly among humans and overwhelm health system capacities; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 thereby constitutes a clear and present threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens and visitors of the City of Hallandale Beach; and

WHEREAS, the CDC has issued guidelines for "community mitigation strategies" to limit the spread of COVID-19, including recommendations for social distancing, which has proven to be an effective method for containing COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order Number 20-52 regarding COVID-19, declaring a state of emergency in the State of Florida, and authorizing in accordance with Section 252.38, Florida Statutes, each political subdivision within the State to "waive the procedures and formalities otherwise required of the political subdivision by law pertaining to the performance of public work and taking whatever prudent action is necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the community;" and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sections 1.01, 3.04, and 6.05 of the City's Charter, Section 19-3 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Hallandale Beach, Florida, and Florida Statutes Chapters 255 and 870, and the Declaration of State of Emergency existing since March 9, 2020 and renewed on March 16, 2020, during a declared State of Emergency the City Manager is authorized to establish a curfew and mandate the closing of establishments.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Chavarria, City Manager of the City of Hallandale Beach, Florida, pursuant to the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Florida and the City of Hallandale Beach, do hereby declare and establish that, effective immediately, and up through and including April 12, 2020:

1. The following events and activities within the City of Hallandale Beach are postponed, cancelled, or suspended:

A. All Special Magistrate, Code Enforcement, Board of Adjustment, and Nuisance Abatement Board hearings;

B. All homeowner association and civic association meetings conducted or held on City property;

C. All City events, including but not limited to, events approved pursuant to Chapter 15, Article V, Code of Ordinances of the City of Hallandale Beach; and

D. All City regular recreational programs and facilities, facility rentals, and organized sports leagues.

2. All public gatherings of any type, whether organized or otherwise, of greater than 250 persons are prohibited.

3. All bars, nightclubs, and restaurants must reduce and limit their occupancy by 50% during all hours of operation.

4. All bars, nightclubs, and restaurants are mandated to close for business daily at or before 10:00 PM and remain closed until at least 6:00 am the following day. However, restaurants may continue to sell food for pick-up or delivery during their already-approved business hours. Restaurants may not serve inside their premises between 10 PM and 6 AM.

5. All public beaches in the City of Hallandale Beach are closed.

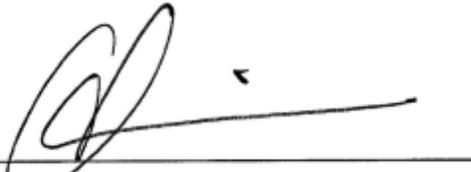
6. Every public place, building and facility, including all businesses, restaurants, bars, and retail establishments shall have alcohol-based hand sanitizer at every entrance for use by patrons and employees upon entering and exiting.

7. All citizens and visitors of the City of Hallandale Beach are directed to comply with these emergency regulations and necessary measures, which shall be strictly enforced, and to cooperate with public officials and public safety personnel in executing any emergency operational plans, and to obey and comply with the lawful direction of all properly identified public officers.

8. Any violation of any rule or regulation issued and set forth herein shall be punishable as provided in Florida Statutes Chapter 870 and/or Chapter 1, Section 1-6, Code of Ordinances, City of Hallandale Beach.

ISSUED THIS 16th DAY OF MARCH 2020, HALLANDALE BEACH, BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA.

BY:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'G. Chavarria', written over a horizontal line.

Greg Chavarria, City Manager

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Paul', written over a horizontal line.

City Clerk