

# MIAMI BEACH

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## COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor Dan Gelber and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager

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*Jimmy Morales*

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DATE: July 29, 2020

**SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE WRITTEN RECOMMENDATION OF THE CITY MANAGER WITH RESPECT TO PROVIDING COVID-19 RENT RELIEF TO THE COMMERCIAL TENANTS/OPERATORS OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY, AND APPROVING THE WAIVER OF ALL RENTS AND FEES DUE TO THE CITY, IN ITS PROPRIETARY CAPACITY, FOR THE PERIOD FROM APRIL 2020 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2020; AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY AGREEMENTS TO FORMALIZE SUCH WAIVERS.**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

The Administration recommends adopting the Resolution.

### **BACKGROUND**

On March 12, 2020, in line with Executive Order 20-52 instituted by Governor Ron DeSantis and emergency declaration issued by County Mayor Carlos Gimenez, the City Manager declared a State of Emergency, in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Since March 13, 2020, the Mayor and City Commission have adopted Resolutions No. 2020-31192, No. 2020-31219, No. 2020-31245, No. 2020-31246, No. 2020-31273, No. 2020-31280, No. 2020-31282, No. 2020-31284, No. 2020-31287, and No. 2020-31308 respectively, authorizing the City Manager to extend the duration of the State of Emergency and implement discretionary emergency measures deemed necessary to address the COVID-19 crisis and to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the people of the City of Miami Beach.

In order to mitigate the spread of the coronavirus disease, state and local governments have enacted several restrictions to protect public welfare. Since its initial declaration, Miami-Dade County issued various Emergency Orders which temporarily closed public and private facilities, including non-essential retail and commercial establishments within the County. The health crisis has precipitously impacted businesses' revenues and local economies. To counterbalance the tenants' loss of revenue due to the closures mandated by County and City, the Administration suspended rents and fees from April to July 2020.

## **ANALYSIS**

COVID-19 infection rates continue to plague the country and the state. On July 24, 2020, the United States recorded over 4,193,667 confirmed cases, with 3,362 reported in Miami-Dade County. Counties and municipalities will be required to continue implementing necessary measures and restrictions for many months ahead. As businesses begin rebuilding, providing COVID-19 rent relief or waiver should be considered. The Administration recommends providing the waiver of monthly payments, rent, minimum guarantee, and other related fees to the commercial tenants and operators of the City-owned properties for the period of April 2020 through September 2020. Attachment A, attached herein, summarizes the total monthly payments, rent, and fees suspended and projected for the proposed time period.

## **CONCLUSION:**

The Administration recommends accepting the written recommendation of the City Manager with respect to providing COVID-19 rent relief to the commercial tenants / operators of City-owned property, and approving the waiver of all rents and fess due to the City, in its proprietary capacity, for the period of April 2020 through September 2020; and further authorizing the City Manager to execute any necessary agreements to formalize such waivers.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment A – Summary and Projection of Tenant Relief / Waiver