

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION  
OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, EXTENDING  
THE WAIVER OF PENALTIES FOR LATE PAYMENTS OR  
NON-PAYMENTS ON UTILITY SERVICES PROVIDED BY  
THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH TO MIAMI BEACH  
RESIDENTS AND COMMERCIAL OPERATORS FOR THE  
PERIOD COMMENCING ON JUNE 1, 2020 AND ENDING  
ON NOVEMBER 30, 2020.**

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the rapidly spreading novel coronavirus ("COVID-19") a pandemic, acknowledging what has seemed clear for some time — the virus will likely spread to all countries on the globe; and

**WHEREAS**, the rate of infection throughout the world and in the US has accelerated rapidly, grinding most markets and businesses around the globe to a halt; and

**WHEREAS**, in response to COVID-19 impacting businesses and individuals, states and local governments around the United States are implementing emergency measures to support individuals and businesses negatively impacted by COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 12, 2020, the City Manager declared a State of Emergency for the City of Miami Beach, finding that the 2019 coronavirus virus ("COVID-19") outbreak (later defined as a pandemic) poses a health risk to the City's residents, particularly elderly residents and those who are immunosuppressed or otherwise have high risk of medical conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to such Declaration of a State of Emergency, the City Manager has imposed a number of temporary emergency measures to limit the inflow of leisure guests to the City and require the closure of, and limit crowds in, public facilities, public property, and places of public assemblage (including, without limitation, hotels, restaurants, bars, nightclubs, concert halls, entertainment venues, movie theaters, and houses of worship), as well as other restrictions on travel and gatherings of any number of people, including imposition of a general curfew throughout the City and a "Safer at Home" order, in order to reduce community spread, relieve pressure on hospitals and healthcare personnel, protect workers, and maintain social order; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 22, 2020, in recognition that many people are currently facing financial challenges amid a natural disaster like COVID-19, the Mayor and City Commission adopted Resolution No. 2020-31235, waiving penalties for late payments or non-payments on utility services provided by the City to Miami Beach residents and commercial operators for the period commencing on March 1, 2020 and ending on May 30, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, in recognition that many people are continuing to face financial challenges amid COVID-19 pandemic, the Mayor and City Commission have determined that an extension of waiving penalties for late payments or non-payments on utility services provided by the City to Miami Beach residents and commercial operators is justified and appropriate.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA**, that the Mayor and City Commission hereby extend the waiver of penalties for late payments or non-payments on utility services provided by the City of Miami Beach to Miami Beach residents and commercial operators, for the period commencing on June 1, 2020 and ending November 30, 2020.

**PASSED and ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_ day of September, 2020.

**ATTEST:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dan Gelber, Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO  
FORM & LANGUAGE  
& FOR EXECUTION

Raul C. Gil 9/3/20  
City Attorney Date