

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, WAIVING
PENALTIES FOR LATE PAYMENTS OR NON-PAYMENTS
ON UTILITY SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE CITY OF
MIAMI BEACH TO MIAMI BEACH RESIDENTS AND
COMMERCIAL OPERATORS FROM MARCH 1, 2020
THROUGH MAY 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, in recognition that many people are currently facing financial challenges amid a natural disaster like COVID-19, the Mayor and City Commission waive penalties for late payments or non-payments on utility services provided by the City to Miami Beach residents and commercial operators.

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 waive penalties for late payments or non-payments on utility services provided by the City of Miami Beach to Miami Beach residents and commercial operators from March 1, 2020 through May 30, 2020.

PASSED and ADOPTED this ____ day of April, 2020.

ATTEST:

Dan Gelber, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(sponsored by Commissioner Michael Gongora)

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney

4-8-2020

Date