MIAMI-DADE COUNTY EMERGENCY ORDER 31-20

WHEREAS, section 252.38(3)(a), Florida Statutes, gives authority to political subdivisions to declare and enact a State of Local Emergency for a period of up to seven days, thereby waiving the procedures and formalities otherwise required of the political subdivision by law; and

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2020, the Governor of Florida issued Executive Order Number 20-51, directing the State Health Officer and Surgeon General to declare a Public Health Emergency due to the discovery of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Florida; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, the Governor of Florida issued Executive Order Number 20-52, declaring a State of Emergency for the State of Florida related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the County Mayor declared a State of Local Emergency for all of Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, on May 15, 2020, the County Mayor promulgated “The Moving To A New Normal Handbook”, which is incorporated into various emergency orders; and

WHEREAS, transmission of COVID-19 happens when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks, and droplets from their mouth or nose are launched into the air and land in the mouths or noses of people nearby and then inhaled into the lungs; and

WHEREAS, recent studies, and the advice of the medical doctors consulted by the County, indicate that people who are infected with COVID-19, but do not have symptoms, likely also play a role in the spread of COVID-19, since people can spread the virus before they know they are sick; and

WHEREAS, “The Moving To A New Normal Handbook” attached to this order clarifies the decibel level beyond which music can’t be played at a business or establishment; and

WHEREAS, section 8B-7(2)(f) of the Code of Miami-Dade County (“Code”) authorizes the County Mayor to order the closure of any commercial establishment; and

WHEREAS, sections 8B-7(2)(e) and (o) of the Code authorize the County Mayor to limit the movement of persons inside Miami-Dade County in order to safeguard life and health; and
WHEREAS, Executive Order Number 20-52 authorizes the County to respond to the still-existent COVID-19 emergency; and

WHEREAS, Section 252.46, Florida Statutes, authorizes the County to issue such orders and rules as are necessary for emergency management purposes; and

WHEREAS, maintaining a noise level that does not require individuals to yell or shout in order to be heard and should be applied consistently to all businesses; and

WHEREAS, the safety and welfare of all the citizens of Miami-Dade County is paramount,

THEREFORE, as County Mayor of Miami-Dade County, I hereby order:

1. The version of the “Moving To A New Normal Handbook,” attached hereto as Exhibit A, shall control over all prior iterations of such document.

2. This order does not affect or limit the operations of Miami-Dade County, any public utility, any municipality, the Miami-Dade County School District, or any state or Federal office or facility, except that such entities shall abide by the restrictions of any County, municipal, state or Federal emergency order, as applicable.

3. The provisions of this order shall serve as minimum standards. Municipalities may impose more stringent standards within their jurisdictions.

4. All other prior emergency orders remain in effect except to the extent modified by this order. This order supersedes any conflicting provision of any prior order.

5. This order shall expire upon the expiration of the existing Miami-Dade County State of Local Emergency, provided, however, that if such State of Local Emergency is extended, this order shall also be deemed to be extended for the duration of such extension order. This order may be cancelled earlier by action of the County Mayor.

6. This order shall be effective as of 1:00 p.m. on October 24, 2020.

7. This order shall be provided to all appropriate media consistent with the requirements of section 8B-7(2)(n) of the Code of Miami-Dade County.

Enacted:
Signed: ____________________________
COUNTY MAYOR
Date: 10/23/2020 Time: 10:36
Witness: ____________________________