OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
EMERGENCY ORDER No. 20-01  
VIRTUAL CITY HALL

WHEREAS, based on the imminent threat to the life, health and wellbeing of our residents imposed by the Novelcoronavirus, (COVID-19) and pursuant to powers provided in Florida Statutes Section 252.38 and the City of Hialeah Gardens, Florida on March 13, 2020, the City of Hialeah Gardens declared a State of Emergency to be in existence; and

WHEREAS, in order to combat the spread of this deadly virus, the State of Florida and Miami-Dade County and the City of Hialeah Gardens have issued various orders, including Miami-Dade County and encouraged social distancing by prohibiting the congregation of ten or more persons at any given location throughout Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS: COVID-19 is a severe acute respiratory illness, which is highly contagious, and can spread easily among humans through physical contact; and

WHEREAS: in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19,

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control (the “CDC”) has passed various guidelines including social distancing, and eliminating large gatherings of persons by limiting to groups of ten or less; and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure adherence to these CDC rules, it is necessary to avoid employees gather in one location for any period of time.

THEREFORE, as Mayor of the City of Hialeah Gardens, I, Yioset De La Cruz pursuant to Emergency Powers granted under Florida Statutes Section 252.38, order the immediate closure of City Hall and establish a virtual City Hall as provided herein:

1. City Hall located at 10001 NW 87 Avenue, Hialeah Gardens, Florida 33016, shall remain closed until further notice.
2. All employees shall report to their respective supervisors and shall continue to work from home, as needed.
3. All necessary public safety personnel shall continue to perform their duties as needed.
4. All City Personnel shall be responsible for responding to email and voicemail.
5. Residents will be able to communicate with the City via email and telephone. All emails and telephone numbers will remain active during this period.
6. All online services shall remain active during this period.
7. Additional rules and notifications shall be issued, from time to time, as necessary to ensure the community and provision of essential City services.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Hialeah Gardens to be affixed this 21st day of March, 2020 at 5:00 pm EST.

Mayor Yiosset De La Cruz
City of Hialeah Gardens

ATTEST:

Aida Martinez-Ruiz, Esq.
Deputy City Attorney
Memorandum

Date: March 27, 2020

To: The City Council, City Employee and Residents of the City of Hialeah Gardens

From: Yioset De La Cruz, Mayor

Re: Declaration of State of Local Emergency

Please be advised that as Florida Governor Ron DeSantis in accordance with Article IV Section (1)(a) of the Florida Constitution and Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, promulgated Emergency Order 20-52 to declare a state of emergency in the State of Florida in response to Novel Coronavirus ("COVID-19"). This emergency situation may require extraordinary and immediate actions by the City of Hialeah Gardens in order to protect the public health, safety and welfare.

As provided in state law and Chapter 252.38(3)(a) Florida Statutes, authorizes political subdivisions to declare and enact State of Local Emergency thereby waiving the procedures and formalities otherwise required of the political subdivision by law.

Therefore, as Mayor of the City of Hialeah Gardens, I hereby declare a State of Local Emergency. This State of Local Emergency includes all of the City of Hialeah Gardens. This will allow my office to take whatever prudent actions are necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the community.

Enacted:

Mayor Yioset DeLa Cruz

Date: 3/27/20

Attest: Aida Martinez-Ruiz, Deputy City Attorney