

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE No. 2020-15

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY BUSINESS TAX RECEIPTS FOR EXISTING BUSINESSES TO AID IN MITIGATING THE IMPACTS OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER PROVISION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

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 Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, Mayor Carlos A. Gimenez declared a local state of emergency for Miami-Dade County invoking his authority to issue orders to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the community, including possibly imposing a curfew and closing certain businesses; and

WHEREAS, the social distancing required to slow the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic and minimize loss of life is also resulting in severe economic impacts for the City of Doral, particularly hospitality sectors, restaurants, retail establishments, and on small businesses who provide both essential and non-essential services to their communities; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council are concerned about the short-term and long-term economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic to businesses in the City of Doral; and

WHEREAS, on May 15, 2020, the Mayor and City Council conducted a Council Workshop to discuss COVID-19 impacts and to consider appropriate actions to aid an economic recovery in the City of Doral; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council have directed the City Manager to authorize temporary business tax receipts for existing businesses who wish to expand their operations in accordance with the City's Land Development Code; and

WHEREAS, under the circumstances, authorizing temporary business tax receipts and temporarily waiving fees for such applications is warranted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a part of this Emergency Ordinance upon adoption hereof.

Section 2. The Mayor and City Council hereby direct the City Manager to authorize temporary business tax receipts for existing businesses who wish to expand their operations in accordance with the City's Land Development Code. The temporary business tax receipt application shall be submitted to and approved by the City's Planning and Zoning Department.

Section 3. The allowance of temporary business tax receipts for specific uses, unless lifted earlier or extended by the City Council, shall automatically cease sixty (60) days from the date of adoption of this Ordinance.

Section 4. This Emergency Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage by the City Council.

The foregoing Emergency Ordinance was offered by Councilmember Mariaca who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cabral upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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| Mayor Juan Carlos Bermudez | Yes |
| Vice Mayor Christi Fraga | Yes |
| Councilwoman Digna Cabral | Yes |
| Councilman Pete Cabrera | Yes |
| Councilwoman Claudia Mariaca | Yes |

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10 day of June, 2020.



JUAN CARLOS BERMUDEZ, MAYOR

ATTEST:



CONNIE DIAZ, MMC
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY
FOR THE USE AND RELIANCE OF THE CITY OF DORAL ONLY:



LUIS FIGUEREDO, ESQ.
CITY ATTORNEY