

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY REGULATIONS

(Pursuant to COVID-19 State of Emergency)

Order # HB20-06

WHEREAS, the City of Hallandale Beach has declared a State of Emergency pursuant to Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, effective March 9, 2020 and subsequently renewed; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order Number 20-52 regarding COVID-19, declaring a state of emergency in the State of Florida, and authorizing in accordance with Section 252.38, Florida Statutes, each political subdivision within the State to "waive the procedures and formalities otherwise required of the political subdivision by law pertaining to the performance of public work and taking whatever prudent action is necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the community;" and

WHEREAS, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order No. 20-69, dated March 20, 2020, related to conducting local government public meetings while under the public health emergency related to the spread of Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) and permitting a virtual quorum and the use of communications technology to conduct public meetings of local governments; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 constitutes a clear and present threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens and visitors of the City of Hallandale Beach and the City has closed City facilities to the public to protect public health; and

WHEREAS, to ensure transparency the City is adopting the following emergency procedures to govern public meetings, public participation and virtual attendance at City Commission and other City public meetings as necessary; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sections 1.01, 3.04, and 6.05 of the City's Charter, the City of Hallandale Beach Emergency Ordinance 2020-009 and Florida Statutes Chapters 252 and 870, and the Declaration of State of Emergency existing since March 9, 2020 and subsequently renewed, during a declared State of Emergency the City Manager is authorized to take actions necessary to protect public health, welfare and safety; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Chavarria, City Manager of the City of Hallandale Beach, Florida, pursuant to the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Florida and the City of Hallandale Beach, do hereby declare and establish that:

Section 1. The following procedures and policies are instituted for all virtual/remote public meetings for the City of Hallandale Beach during the declared State of Emergency:

- 1) Commissioners and necessary staff shall participate via communications technology only. In accordance with the Governor's Executive Order Number 20-69 and Resolution Number 20-3.29 of the Board of County Commissioners, phone participants in remote public meeting may count toward a quorum requirement, if one exists.
- 2) All meetings will be broadcast on the City's Website Streaming Service: <https://cohb.org/HBTV> and on Comcast Cable Channel 78 with closed captioning.
- 3) City hall is closed to the public. There will be no opportunity for in-person public comment. However, the public will be afforded an opportunity to participate as follows:
 - a. Pre-recorded Voice Message: leave a voice message at (954) 457-1482 no later than 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 15, 2020, voice messages will be played during the Commission meeting;
 - b. Pre-recorded Video/Audio Message: email an audio/video file to publicparticipation@cohb.org no later than 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 15, 2020, audio/video messages will be played during the Commission meeting;
 - c. Written Comments: email a written message to publicparticipation@cohb.org or via eComments at <https://hallandalebeach.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx> once the agenda is published. Written comments will be distributed to the commission, but will not be read during the meeting.
- 4) Voice messages or audio/video files shall not exceed three (3) minutes. Members of the public should include their name, name of City where they reside and the number of the City Commission agenda item(s) they wish to address (if applicable). Only the first three (3) minutes will be played and allowed into the record. Messages containing inappropriate content, in accordance with City Code Section 2-32, will not be played during the commission meeting.
- 5) No matters of a quasi-judicial nature will be placed on the agenda.
- 6) In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, all persons that are disabled, who need special accommodations to participate in a meeting

because of that disability should contact the office of the City Clerk at 954-457-1340 no later than two days prior to such proceeding.

- 7) Special Notice containing instructions for public participation shall be posted at City Hall, online at cohb.org, shared through the City's social media channels and otherwise released to the public in any and all manner deemed by the City Manager to increase public transparency.

Section 3. Any portions of this order requiring commission approval shall be ratified by vote of the City Commission at the first scheduled meeting.

Section 4. This order is in addition to previously issued City emergency orders, becomes effective immediately and shall remain effective during the Declared State of Local Emergency unless otherwise amended or superseded.

ISSUED THIS 9th DAY OF APRIL 2020, HALLANDALE BEACH, BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA.

BY:



Greg Chavarria, City Manager

ATTEST:

City Clerk