



MIAMI-DADE COUNTY DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, section 252.38(3)(a) Florida Statutes, gives authority to political subdivisions to declare and enact a Local State of 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, chapter 8B of the Code of Miami-Dade County grants the County Mayor the authority to declare a Local State of Emergency and authorizes the County Mayor to issue and to take various actions to address such emergency; and

WHEREAS, in the early morning of June 24, 2021, a portion of the residential building located at 8777 Collins Avenue, known as Champlain Towers South, collapsed in on itself; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County first responders were immediately deployed to the area to aid in the search and rescue operation at the disaster site; and

WHEREAS, investigation operations are still ongoing; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County recognizes the extreme potential for significant loss of life; and

WHEREAS, active management of the disaster material and debris at 8777 Collins Avenue mitigates and minimizes threats to the health and safety of residents who live immediately adjacent to that property; and

WHEREAS, absent ongoing active management, the existing material and debris at 8777 Collins Avenue poses an imminent threat to the health and safety of the residents who live immediately adjacent to that property, as such material and debris may include hazardous organic and inorganic materials, and also generates harmful airborne particulates and odors; and

WHEREAS, absent ongoing active management, the existing material and debris at 8777 Collins Avenue poses an imminent threat to the health and safety of residents who live immediately adjacent to that property, as such materials and debris pose a fire threat, and in fact have intermittently caught fire after the collapse; and

WHEREAS, absent ongoing active management, the existing material and debris at 8777 Collins Avenue poses an imminent threat to the health and safety of residents who live immediately adjacent to the property, as loose materials and debris may become windborne projectiles in the event of a tropical storm or hurricane; and

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WHEREAS, absent ongoing active management, the material and debris at 8777 Collins Avenue may become unstable and shift, posing additional logistical challenges and safety risks; and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade Police Department has asserted jurisdiction over the property at 8777 Collins Avenue as an investigative scene and to preserve the evidentiary value of such material; and

WHEREAS, section 252.38(3)(a), Florida Statutes and Chapter 8B of the Code of Miami-Dade County authorizes the Mayor to extend the Local State of Emergency; and

THEREFORE, as County Mayor of Miami-Dade County, I hereby extend the Declaration of a Local State of Emergency for an additional period commencing on July 22, 2021, that will continue in effect for seven (7) days if not cancelled before that period of time. This Local State of Emergency includes all of Miami-Dade County. Concurrent with this Declaration, I renew all existing Miami-Dade County Emergency Orders, including the authority to take the actions set forth in those Emergency Orders, for the duration of this Declaration

Enacted:

Signed: _____

Daniella Levine Carr

COUNTY MAYOR

Date: _____

7/22/21

Time: _____

2:25 PM

Witness: _____

Jesus A. Teller

Cancelled:

Signed: _____

COUNTY MAYOR

Date: _____

Time: _____

Witness: _____

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Action Options for Local State of Emergency

1. Executive Orders of the Mayor to include:
 - a) Employee Recall order: An order recalling Miami-Dade County employees from vacation, canceling days off, and mobilizing all personnel required for disaster response;
 - b) Authorize the Internal Services Department to suspend normal leasing and bid procedures to procure space, structures or other items under their normal authority for disaster response determined necessary by the Director;
 - c) Authorize procurement of supplies, equipment, and services without formal bidding procedures;
 - d) Evacuation Order: A mandatory order(s) directing the evacuation of appropriate area(s) of the County deemed to be in imminent danger from disaster;
 - e) Curfew: In the period before, or during and immediately after an event, an order imposing a general curfew applicable to the County as a whole, or to geographical area(s) of the County and during hours the Mayor deems necessary, and from time to time, to modify the hours the curfew will be in effect and what area(s) it applies to;
 - f) An order requiring any and all commercial establishments located in area(s) of imminent or actual danger to close and remain closed until further order;
 - g) An order requiring the closure of any or all bars, taverns, liquor stores, and other business establishments where alcoholic beverages are predominantly sold or otherwise dispensed; provided that with respect to those business establishments which are not primarily devoted to the sales of alcoholic beverages, and in which such alcoholic beverages may be removed or made secure from seizure by the public, the portions thereof utilized for the sale of items other than alcoholic beverages may, at the discretion of the Mayor, be allowed to remain open;
 - h) An order requiring the discontinuance of the sale, distribution or giving away of alcoholic beverages in any or all parts of Miami-Dade County;
 - i) An order requiring the discontinuance of the sale, distribution or giving away of gasoline or other liquid flammable or combustible products in any container other than a gasoline tank properly attached to a gas powered vehicle;

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- j) An order closing to the public any or all public places including streets, alleys, public ways, schools, parks, beaches, amusement areas and public buildings;
- k) In addition to the provisions of Chapter 8A-5 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, orders to prevent price gouging for any essential commodity, dwelling unit, or storage facility;
- l) Orders requesting the conservation of water supplies; and
- m) Such other orders as are immediately necessary for the protection of life and property; provided, however, that any such orders shall, at the earliest practicable time, be presented to the Board for ratification or confirmation in accordance with this chapter;
- n) The Mayor shall cause any proclamation ordered by the Mayor or the Board pursuant to the authority in this chapter to be delivered to all news media within the County, and shall utilize whatever available means to give public notice of such proclamation.