

CITY OF CORAL GABLES

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

TO: CITY COMMISSION
FROM: RAUL VALDES-FAUJI
MAYOR

DATE: October 27, 2020

TIME:

*October 27th
8.50*

CITY OF CORAL GABLES EMERGENCY ORDER REGARDING HALLOWEEN

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, I declared a state of emergency for the City of Coral Gables, Florida (the "City") as authorized by Section 252.38(3)(a), Florida Statutes, and Section 27-2(c)(6) of the City Code in response to the novel Coronavirus Disease-2019 (COVID-19) (the "Declaration"); and

WHEREAS, on March 25, 2020, I issued the City of Coral Gables "Safer at Home" Emergency Order ("City Order"); and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade Mayor has issued a series of emergency orders, since March 2020; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Emergency Order 10-20 "no group of 10 or more individuals shall gather on a public street, alley, public way, sidewalk..."; and

WHEREAS, on June 30, 2020, the Miami-Dade County Mayor issued Amendment No. 1 to Emergency Order 25-20 restricting certain activities during the July 4th holiday weekend; and

WHEREAS, Halloween, similar to July 4th, is traditionally celebrated with activities that may contribute to the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, communities known as Cocoplum and the Islands of Cocoplum (collectively referred to as "Cocoplum"), and Santa Maria Street have long been known for Halloween activities; and

WHEREAS, on Halloween each year, both Cocoplum and Santa Maria Street, are filled with individuals of all ages, wearing Halloween costumes, and engaging in Halloween-related activities such as trick-or-treating; and

WHEREAS, so many Halloween-goers have flocked to these neighborhoods that, in years past, the police department has had to close the streets to vehicular traffic in order to ensure the safety of those present; and

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") COVID-19 spreads most commonly between people who are in close contact with one another; and

WHEREAS, the Halloween activities that have traditionally taken place in Cocoplum and on Santa Maria Street result in a large number of people being within close contact to each other, well over the 10-person limitation established by Emergency Order 10-20; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to take certain measures in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Santa Maria Street and Cocoplum, as well as the public at large;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, as Mayor of the City of Coral Gables, and pursuant to the authority granted to me by Section 252.38(3)(a), Florida Statutes, and Section 27-2(c)(6) of the City Code, hereby direct and declare the following, which **shall be effective Saturday, October 31st at 12 a.m. until Sunday, November 1st 8 a.m.:**

1. Santa Maria Street and all roads in Cocoplum shall be closed to pedestrian traffic associated with Halloween activities. "Halloween activities" include but are not limited to trick-or-treating and congregating in costume or Halloween-themed clothing.
2. The pedestrian closure shall not apply to residents of Santa Maria Street or Cocoplum.
3. Santa Maria Streets shall be closed to vehicular traffic except for such traffic by residents of the Street or guests of those residents.
4. Cocoplum shall be closed to vehicular traffic except for such traffic by residents of Cocoplum or verified guests of those residents. The verification function shall be performed by the guardhouse employee on duty at the time.
5. **Enforcement.** Violations of this order may be enforced with the following enforcement procedures:
 - a. Verbal warning.
 - b. Written warning.
 - c. Code Enforcement/Civil citation of \$100.
 - d. Arrest.

Nothing herein shall be interpreted to require that law enforcement follow these procedures prior to conducting an arrest where otherwise warranted.

THIS ORDER SHALL BE EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 31ST AT 12 A.M. UNTIL NOVEMBER 1ST AT 8 A.M.

C: City Manager
City Attorney
City Clerk
ACM
Directors

Approved as to form & legal sufficiency:



Miriam Soler Ramos, City Attorney