

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-109

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A POLICY PROVIDING THAT PERSONS WHO HAVE SUFFERED LOSS OF INCOME DUE THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC (“COVID-19”), CREATING A FINANCIAL HARDSHIP, ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR THE CITY’S COVID-19 ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, EVEN IF THEY HAVE REGAINED OR FOUND NEW EMPLOYMENT AT THE TIME THE APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE IS SUBMITTED, PROVIDED THAT THE NEW SOURCE OF INCOME IS BELOW THEIR PRE-COVID LEVEL, ARE STILL FACING FINANCIAL HARDSHIP, AND OTHERWISE MEET ALL OF THE APPLICABLE ELIGIBILITY AND QUALIFICATION CRITERIA; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization, and the President of the United States have declared the outbreak of the Novel Coronavirus 2019 (“COVID-19”), to be a pandemic and an international and national emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020 Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos Gimenez declared a State of Local Emergency for all Miami-Dade County, following a declaration of State of Emergency for the State of Florida made by Governor Ron DeSantis on March 9, 2020 under Executive Order 20-52; and

WHEREAS, since the Declaration of Emergency at the national, state, county and local level, and in response thereto, we have closed our economy under “stay at home orders” and reopened it slowly under numerous social distancing and safety guidelines; and

WHEREAS, as a result, millions of people who have been furloughed or have experienced reduced work hours are struggling to make ends meet, feed their families, and avoid foreclosures or evictions; and

WHEREAS, the City, in an effort to alleviate the financial burden on those residents of the City of Hialeah who have suffered loss of income and a financial hardship due the COVID-19 pandemic, have created different assistance programs implemented and managed by the City’s Grants and Human Services Department; and

WHEREAS, with the slow reopening of the economy, persons who were furloughed or experienced reduced working hours may be able to regain employment, however, they may still face hardship; and

WHEREAS, in recognition that re-employment is only the first step towards restoring financial wellness during this historical crisis; and

WHEREAS, this policy seeks to address critical community needs as a result of the unprecedented and devastating economic impact of COVID-19.

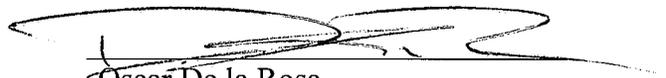
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1: The foregoing facts and recitations contained in the preamble to this resolution are hereby adopted and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2: The City of Hialeah, Florida hereby declares that persons who have suffered loss of income due the Coronavirus pandemic (“COVID-19”), creating a financial hardship, are eligible to apply for the City’s COVID-19 assistance programs, even if they have regained or found new employment at the time the application for assistance is submitted, provided that at the time the application for assistance is submitted (i) the applicant’s employment income is less than their pre-COVID-19 employment income; (ii) the income deficit continues to create financial hardship for the applicant; and (iii) the applicant meets all other applicable eligibility and qualification criteria.

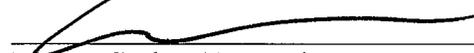
Section 3: This resolution shall become effective when approved by majority vote of the City Council and signed by the Mayor or at the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting, if the Mayor’s signature is withheld or if the City Council overrides the Mayor’s veto.

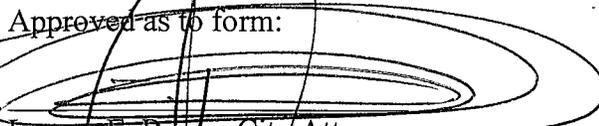
PASSED AND ADOPTED this 11 day of August, 2020.


Oscar De la Rosa
Council Vice-President

Attest: Approved on this 25 day of August, 2020.


Marbelys Fatjo, City Clerk


Mayor Carlos Hernandez

Approved as to form:

Lorena E. Bravo, City Attorney

Resolution was adopted by 6-0-1 vote with Councilmembers, Cue-Fuente, De la Rosa, Garcia-Roves, Perez, Tundidor, and Zogby, voting “Yes” and with Council President Hernandez absent.