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City of Miami Beach Declares State of Emergency Over Champlain Towers Building Collapse

— *The declaration allows the city to seek reimbursement for
emergency-related expenditures* —

Miami Beach, FL – The City of Miami Beach has declared a [state of emergency](#) relating to the partial collapse of Champlain Towers, steps away from the city’s northernmost border with the neighboring Town of Surfside.

A significant portion of the staging for the emergency response efforts is taking place within Miami Beach, including use of city streets, property and other facilities for search and rescue command centers, the use of city parking lots for personnel and equipment, and the use of city property to support the significant media presence on the scene of this national tragedy.

The declaration, which was signed by City Manager Alina T. Hudak on Sunday, June 27, will ensure the city’s eligibility for the reimbursement of emergency-related expenditures stemming from the horrific, June 24 building collapse. The disaster claimed at least nine lives and left more than 156 people unaccounted for as of Sunday morning.

Due to the structure’s close proximity to Miami Beach — immediately north of 87 Terrace — the city has temporarily closed North Beach Oceanside Park and canceled, or moved events north of 63 Street, including at the North Beach Bandshell. The city has made available numerous city personnel, vehicles and heavy equipment from multiple departments, including police, fire, public works, sanitation and others.

U.S. President Joe Biden subsequently declared that an emergency exists relating to the building collapse and ordered federal assistance to the area, while Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis and Miami-Dade County Mayor Daniella Levine Cava issued similar emergency declarations.

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