

CITY OF TAMARAC

STATE OF EMERGENCY – EMERGENCY ORDER 2020-02

FACE COVERINGS

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis signed Executive Order No. 20-52, thereby declaring a public health emergency in the State of Florida due to public health threat resulting from the spread of the Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”); and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, Broward County Administrator Bertha Henry declared a state of emergency in Broward County; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 outbreak a global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the City Manager of the City of Tamarac (the “City”) declared a state of emergency pursuant to Section 7.12 of the City Charter, and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis signed Executive Order No. 20-68, thereby suspending the sale of alcoholic beverages at bars, pubs and nightclubs for thirty (30) days, limiting gatherings on public beaches, limiting restaurant occupancy, and requiring social distancing and employee screening, among other things; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Executive Order No. 2-68, all bars and nightclubs in the State of Florida were ordered to be closed for thirty (30) days; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 252.46, F.S., and Chapter 13 of the City’s Code of Ordinances, the City Manager has the authority to issue emergency orders with the force of law; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, President Trump and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) issued the 15 Days to Slow the Spread guidance advising individuals to adopt far-reaching social distancing measures, such as working from home and avoiding the spread of the virus, and

WHEREAS, on March 28, 2020, the City Manager executed a first emergency order, thereby order all residents to stay at home, except when engaging in essential services; and

WHEREAS, as of April 6, 2020, the CDC has recommended wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the CDC's recommendation, the City of Tamarac strongly urges all citizens and residents to utilize a cloth face coverings when engaging in an essential service or an essential activity.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Manager of the City of Tamarac, pursuant to the authority set forth in Ch. 252, F.S., and Section 7.12 of the City's Charter, and all other applicable laws, promulgates the following Emergency Orders to take effect immediately:

Section 1: All citizens and residents of Tamarac, as well as all visitors to the City, are strongly urged to use cloth face coverings while utilizing essential services or engaging in essential activities, in addition to other recommended social distancing measures, especially in areas of significant community-based transmission, including, but not limited to grocery stores, hardware stores, and pharmacies.

The following link offers a brief tutorial from the U.S. Surgeon General on how to make a cloth face covering:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html>

For purposes of this order, "cloth face coverings" shall not include surgical masks or N95 respirator masks, which should be reserved for healthcare workers and other first responders, as recommended by the CDC.

Section 2: This Order shall remain in place as long as the State of Local Emergency is in effect, as amended and extended.

Section 3: The orders and provisions of this Emergency Order, and all prior City Emergency Orders, may be enforced within the boundaries of the City of Tamarac by the Broward Sheriff's Office, as the City's law enforcement agency, as well as the City's Code Enforcement Officers.

Section 4: Nothing herein shall limit or apply to any essential retail, commercial, governmental, or other operation or activity permitted under any State of Florida Emergency Order, Broward County Emergency Order or City of Tamarac Emergency Order.

Section 5: This Order is in addition to, and supplements, the City's Emergency Orders. All requirements of City Emergency Orders, Broward County Emergency Orders, and State of Florida Executive Orders shall be strictly adhered to at all times.

ORDERED AND FILED with the City Clerk of the City of Tamarac on the 8th day of April 2020.



Michael C. Cernech
City Manager