



CITY OF AVENTURA
OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

**ORDER AND SUPPLEMENT TO DECLARATION OF
STATE OF EMERGENCY
"SAFER AT HOME"**

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, I, as City Manager of the City of Aventura, promulgated an Emergency Order which, among other requirements, closed non-essential retail and commercial establishments within the City of Aventura ("City"), and established a curfew within the jurisdictional limits of the City; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-404 of the City's Code of Ordinances authorizes the City Manager, to adopt emergency orders which may include, but are not limited to, curfews, declaration of certain areas being off limits; and

WHEREAS, numerous counties, municipalities, and at least four states have adopted versions of "stay at home" or "safer at home" orders designed to protect the health and well-being of residents, to create social distancing, and minimize contact in an effort to limit community spread of COVID-19/novel Coronavirus.

THEREFORE, as City Manager for the City of Aventura, Florida, and pursuant to the authority vested in me under Section 2-404 of the City of Aventura Code of Ordinances (the "City Code"), as well as that certain City of Aventura Declaration of State of Emergency, dated March 12, 2020, and Supplemental Orders, I hereby ORDER and PROMULGATE the following additional emergency measures:

Section 1. Declaration Supplemented.

In accordance with City Code Section 2-404, and Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, the Declaration of the State of Emergency within the City of Aventura, dated March 12, 2020, and the Supplemental Order dated March 19, 2020 (Business Closures and Curfew), are hereby re-affirmed, remain in full force and effect, and are further supplemented pursuant to this Order, as provided herein:

Section 2. Findings.

- (A) On March 20, 2020, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-69, "Emergency Management - COVID-19 Local Government Public Meetings"; and

- (B) Pursuant to Executive Order 20-69, the quorum requirements for public meetings are suspended, and the City is authorized to hold public meetings through the use of communications media technology, subject to the adoption of rules pursuant to Section 120.54(5)(b)2, Fla.Stat; and
- (C) This Order is given because of the propensity of COVID-19 virus to spread person to person and also because the virus physically is causing property damage due to its proclivity to attach to surfaces for prolonged periods of time.

Section 3. Safer At Home

- (A) Subject to the exceptions contained herein, it is **strongly recommended that all residents of the City of Aventura stay in their homes.**
- (B) All public and private gatherings of any number of people occurring outside a residence are prohibited, except as provided herein.
- (C) The following activities are exempt from the Safer at Home Order requirements:
 1. **Outdoor Recreational Activities.** Residents and visitors may engage in outdoor activity and recreation in areas not otherwise closed to the public pursuant to the City's prior Order Closing Non-Essential Retail and Commercial Establishments dated March 19, 2020, provided that the individuals maintain a distance of at least six (6) feet between each other, including, without limitation, walking, hiking, running, or cycling.
 2. **Personal Support Activities.** Residents and visitors should limit any travel to and from their homes to only provide care for or support for a friend, family member, or pet in another household.
 3. **Government Employees and Emergency Personnel.** All first responders, gang and crisis intervention workers, public health workers, emergency management personnel, emergency dispatchers, law enforcement personnel and related contractors, persons working for emergency services providers, and government employees performing work in the course and scope of their employment are categorically exempt from this Order.
 4. **Observance of Social Distancing Practices.** As to all activities permitted under this Order, residents and visitors shall adhere to social distancing practices, such as maintaining a distance of at least six (6) feet away from others, washing hands with soap and water for at least twenty seconds or using hand sanitizer, covering coughs or sneezes (into the sleeve or elbow, not hands), regularly cleaning high-touch surfaces, and not shaking hands. Residents and visitors are strongly encouraged to limit all of their travel, except as absolutely necessary. Persons at high risk of severe illness from COVID-19 and people who are sick are strongly encouraged to stay in their residence to the extent possible, except as necessary to seek medical care.

(D) Any person, firm or corporation who violates any provision of the Declaration of the State of Emergency, and any Supplemental Order, including this Order, shall be subject to such fine or imprisonment or both as provided by section 1-11 of the City Code. Each day that a violation shall continue to exist shall constitute a separate offense.

Section 4. Effective Date.

This Order and Supplement to Declaration shall be effective as of 2 pm, March 24, 2020, and may be further supplemented from time to time in accordance with Article VIII of Chapter 2 of the City Code. This document shall be posted and distributed as provided by City Code Section 2-404 (f).

Executed this 24th day of March, 2020.

By: 
Ronald J. Wasson, City Manager
City of Aventura, Florida

Copy: Mayor and Commissioners, City Clerk, Police Chief, City Attorney, Department Directors