

CITY OF COOPER CITY

STATE OF EMERGENCY – EMERGENCY ORDER #3

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 14, 2020, the City Manager of the City of Cooper City (the “City”) declared a state of emergency pursuant to Chapter 13, Article V of the City’s Code of Ordinances; 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 gatherings of more than 10 people; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, the City of Cooper City, pursuant to authority set forth in Ch. 252, F.S., and Chapter 13, Article V of the City’s Code of Ordinances, ordered the closure of all gyms, fitness centers, fitness studios, dance studios and gymnasiums located within the City; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, the City Manager executed a second emergency order, thereby closing all playgrounds in the City and prohibiting all public gatherings of more than ten (10) individuals, with certain limited exceptions; and

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WHEREAS, in an effort to further protect the public, the City Manager find that it is in the best interests of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens and residents of Cooper City to close all active and passive parks in the City and to order all residents to remain in their homes.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Manager of the City of Cooper City, pursuant to the authority set forth in Ch. 252, F.S., and Chapter 13, Article V of the City's Code of Ordinances, and all other applicable laws, promulgates the following Emergency Orders to take effect immediately:

Section 1: Safer At Home Order

Section 1(A): Subject only to the exceptions outlined in Section 1(D) below, all persons living within the City of Cooper City are ordered to remain in their homes ("Safer at Home" Order).

Section 1(B): All public and private gatherings of any number of people occurring outside a residence are prohibited, except as to those exempted activities described in this Section and Section 1(D). This provision does not apply to gatherings within a single household or dwelling unit.

Section 1(C): All travel, including, without limitation, travel on foot, bicycle, scooter, motorcycle, automobile, or use of public transit is prohibited, subject to the exceptions in Section 1(D).

Section 1(D): Exceptions: Notwithstanding the "Safer at Home" directive herein, all residents and visitors in the City may lawfully engage in the following activities:

- (i) Essential Retail and Commercial Activities: Residents and visitors may engage in essential retail and commercial activities, including without limitation, travel to or from essential retail and commercial businesses, as defined in Broward County Emergency Order 20-01, as may be further amended by Broward County and/or further amended by City's Emergency Orders. These essential retail and commercial activities include grocery stores; convenience stores; food distribution centers; restaurants (for take-out and delivery only, and subject to social distance separation of at least 6 feet between patrons); hospitals, pharmacies, and health care providers (including doctors' offices, rehab centers and urgent care centers); gas stations and auto repair facilities; banks; hardware stores; businesses that provide postal/shipping services and other office products; laundry service providers; childcare facilities providing services to groups of 10 or fewer (subject to limitations in Broward County Emergency Order 20-01, as may be amended); certain professional services; home-based for seniors; adults or children; pet supply stores, veterinarian and pet boarding facilities; and offices in support of essential retail and commercial activities.

- (ii) Outdoor Recreational Activities: Residents and visitors may engage in outdoor activity and recreation in areas not otherwise closed to the public pursuant to Broward County Emergency Order 20-01 or the City's Emergency Orders, provided that individuals maintain a distance of at least six (6) feet between each other, including, without limitation, walking, hiking, running or cycling. Gymnasiums, fitness centers, and swimming pools which are amenities of residential buildings may remain open, provided that property managers and condominium associations implement their own social distancing measures, including closure of common areas if deemed necessary.
- (iii) Religious Activities: Residents and visitors may travel to and from religious institutions and places of worship, subject to the City's requirement that religious institutions and places of worship reduce their occupancy to no more than ten (10) persons, and maintain a distance separation of at least six feet, as set forth in the City's Emergency Orders, to promote social distancing.
- (iv) Personal Support Activities: Residents and visitors may travel to and from their homes to care for or support a friend, family member or pet in another household.
- (v) Work in Support of Essential Activities: Residents and visitors in the City may continue to perform work in support of essential activities (e.g. to perform work providing essential products and services or to otherwise carry out activities specifically permitted in this Order or any Order of a City, County, State or Federal governmental entity). Travel by personnel of essential retail and commercial businesses shall be permitted, including personnel providing essential services to residents within their homes, such as repair services, appliance repair, sanitation and extermination, landscaping and pool services, home care, or other essential services (as provided in Broward County Emergency Order 20-01), provided persons engaging in these essential activities shall maintain reasonable social distancing practices.
- (vi) Government Employees and Emergency Personnel: All first responders, crisis intervention workers, public health workers, utility providers, 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.
- (vii) Observance of Social Distancing Practices: As to all activities permitted under this Order, residents and visitors should adhere to social distancing practices, such as maintaining a distance of at least six feet away from

others, washing hands with soap and water for at least twenty seconds or using hand sanitizer, covering coughs and 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.

Section 2: Pursuant to Broward County Emergency Order 20-01, requiring closing of all non-essential businesses. Any businesses exempted from closing to the public under Broward County Emergency Order 20-01, should take the following social distancing measures, in addition to any other measure required by law or Emergency Order, including by the City, Broward County, the State of Florida, or the President of the United States:

- a) All Essential Businesses exempted from closure should make every effort to:
 1. Provide disinfectant wipes or their equivalent for shopping carts and baskets or disinfect shopping carts and baskets after each use;
 2. Disinfect hourly, at a minimum all check out areas, including but not limited to, conveyor belts, cash registers, and credit card areas;
 3. Disinfect after close or before opening all areas of the store that customers may touch or come into contact;
 4. Require employees or independent contractors present to wash and/or disinfect their hands at least once per hour;
 5. Clean and disinfect any pen or stylus used to sign receipts after each customer or waive the need to sign a receipt;
 6. Ensure that customers at checkout are separated by at least six feet;
 7. Disinfect all door handles used by the general public at least hourly during business hours.

- b) All Essential Businesses that utilize a waiting room should take the following social distancing measures in addition to any other measure required by Law or Emergency Order:
 1. No person shall be seated within six (6) feet of another person, however, groups of people that arrive with each other may be seated next to each other;
 2. All seats used by a person shall be disinfected after each use;
 3. All door handles used by the general public shall be disinfected at least hourly during business hours;
 4. No person exhibiting flu or COVID-19 like symptoms shall be permitted to wait in any customer waiting area, however, nothing prohibits any medical provider from allowing a patient through a waiting area to a treatment room so long as no other patients or visitors are within six (6) feet of the patient exhibiting flu or COVID-19 like symptoms; and
 5. An open air waiting area shall be made available for patients and customers.

c) All Essential Businesses should:

1. Prohibit any employee and/or independent contractor from entering the place of business if the employee and/or independent contractor has a fever that exceeds 99.9 degrees Fahrenheit;
2. Prohibit any employee and/or independent contractor from entering the place of business if the employee and/or independent contractor is exhibiting flu like or COVID-19 like symptoms;
3. If practicable use best efforts to ensure that employees and/or independent contractors have a six feet separation between the next closest person;
4. Not allow more than 25% of their approved maximum capacity into any location;
5. Require that any person that must wait outside of a business to enter into that business be spaced at a minimum of six feet from the next closest person provided that groups that arrive together may be closer than the six foot distance requirement.

Section 3: All active and passive City-owned parks shall be closed to the public until further notice. The City Manager may authorize the use of City-owned parks by local, state, and/or federal authorities, including public healthcare professionals, if deemed necessary to better serve the citizens and residents of the City in responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Section 4: This Order shall remain in place as long as the State of Local Emergency is in effect, as amended and extended.

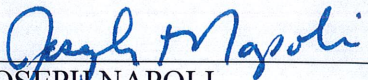
Section 5: The orders and provisions of this Emergency Order, and all prior City Emergency Orders, may be enforced within the boundaries of the City of Cooper City by the Broward Sheriff's Office, as the City's law enforcement agency, as well as the City's Code Enforcement Officers.

Section 6: Any violation of any rule or regulation issued and set forth herein shall be punishable as provides in Ch. 252, F.S. and the City's Code of Ordinances.

Section 7: Nothing herein shall limit or apply to any essential retail, commercial, governmental, or other operation or activity permitted under any Broward County Emergency Order or City of Cooper City Emergency Order.

Section 8: 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 Cooper City on the 26 day
or March 2020.



JOSEPH NAPOLI
City Manager