

**EMERGENCY ORDER 2020-05**

**REGULATION OF RESTAURANTS, BARS, PUBS, AND NIGHT CLUBS**

On March 13, 2020 a State of Emergency was declared in the City of Coral Springs relating to the Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”). COVID-19 is a contagious disease that has the apparent ability to spread rapidly among humans especially in closed rooms or spaces.

On March 17, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-68 that prohibits the sale of alcohol at bars, pubs, and night clubs. Executive Order 20-68 places certain restrictions on restaurants. This Emergency Order expands upon Executive Order 20-68 to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

Pursuant to Section 252.46, *Florida Statutes* and Chapter 19 of the Code of the City of Coral Springs, the City has the power to issue emergency orders with the force of law. The City Manager has expressly been authorized to issue Emergency Orders.

**Areas immediately surrounding a bar, including the bar itself, shall be closed to the public and not utilized for food service. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the City Manager or their designee may grant an exemption if complying with this Emergency Order would effectively require such bar to substantially cease all business. In the event an exemption is granted, such exemption shall have the restrictions below.**

**Any restaurant or place that serves food for consumption on premises shall have a six (6) foot distance between any party of patrons as measured from a seating location to the next closest seating location. For purposes of this order, a seating location is a chair, booth, stool, or other place where a person will occupy to consume food. A six (6) foot distance shall be kept from any door or entry point that the public may use to any seating location. A six (6) foot distance shall be kept from the door leading to a kitchen that prepares any food product or any counter where any food product may be kept or prepared to any seating location.**

**The City Fire Marshal shall have the authority to close any place of business in violation of this Emergency Order. The City Fire Marshal’s Order to close shall be considered to be issued pursuant to Section 252.46, Florida Statutes. Therefore, a violation of the City Fire Marshal’s Order is a second degree misdemeanor as provided for within Section 252.50, Florida Statutes. However, the City Fire Marshal shall reopen any place of business closed pursuant to this Order if such place complies with this Emergency Order.**

**This Order shall be effective immediately and expire within thirty (30) days unless extended.**

ORDERED ON AND FILED WITH THE CLERK OF THE CITY OF CORAL SPRINGS ON MARCH 18, 2020.

Ordered by:

  
City Manager Frank Babinec

Ratified by the City Commission on \_\_\_\_\_

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