

# **DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY REGULATIONS (Temporary Beach Closing)**

(COVID-19 State of Emergency – June 29, 2020)

WHEREAS, Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a severe acute respiratory illness that is highly infectious and can spread among humans through respiratory transmission and other potential methods, and presents symptoms similar to those of influenza;

WHEREAS, in December of 2019, a new and substantial outbreak of COVID-19 emerged in Wuhan, China, and has since spread rapidly to over 196 countries and territories throughout the World, including the United States, and more specifically Broward County and the City of Fort Lauderdale;

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-52, declaring a state of emergency in the State of Florida, due to the public health threat resulting from the rapid spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared COVID-19 a pandemic;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2-274(c) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Mayor Dean J. Trantalis issued and declared various emergency regulations on March 13, March 15, March 17, 2020, March 27, 2020, April 10, 2020, April 17, 2020, April 28, 2020, May 1, 2020, May 16, 2020, and May 28, 2020, to limit the spread and limit the risk of exposure to COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2020, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-91, therein ordering individuals to restrict their movements and personal interactions outside of their homes to only those necessary to obtain or provide essential services or conduct essential activities, and on April 29, 2020, issued Executive Order 20-112, introducing Phase 1 of the State's "Safe.Smart.Step-by-Step.Plan for Florida's Recovery," for all counties in the State of Florida, except Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach Counties;

WHEREAS, on May 14, 2020, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-122 permitting Broward County to participate in the Phase 1 reopening identified in Executive Order 20-112, Executive Order 20-120, and any future orders pertaining to Phase 1 or the phased reopening of Florida;

WHEREAS, on May 21, 2020, Broward County issued Emergency Order 20-12, which expanded upon the County's previous Emergency Orders and identified therein

numerous businesses and services permitted to reopen in the County's Phase 1 Reopening, and set forth specific criteria for permitted operations, which was subsequently amended through Emergency Orders 20-13, 20-14, 20-15, 20-16, 20-17, and 20-18;

WHEREAS, on June 3, 2020, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-139 introducing Phase 2 of the State's "Safe.Smart.Step-by-Step.Plan for Florida's Recovery," for all counties in the State of Florida, except Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach Counties;

WHEREAS, during the month of June and most recently in the last week, the State of Florida and Broward County have seen an exponential and alarming rapid increase in the number of positive cases of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2020 the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulations issued Emergency Order 2020-09 therein suspending on-premises alcohol sales for businesses who derive more than 50% of gross revenue from the sale of alcoholic beverages because "during the month of June 2020, the number of individuals testing positive for COVID-19 increased significantly . . . especially among younger individuals, and some of these cases involving younger individuals are suspected to have originated from visits to bars, pubs, or nightclubs who have disregarded the restrictions set forth in Phase 2 of the "Safe.Smart.Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery";

WHEREAS, historically, City of Fort Lauderdale beaches have been a destination for thousands of people celebrating the July 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday, and based upon the current rapid spread of COVID-19, the City finds it appropriate to take additional measures to aggressively limit the community spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 252.38(3) and 252.46, Florida Statutes, and pursuant to Section 2-274(c) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, in the event of a proclamation of a state of emergency by the Governor, the Mayor of the City of Fort Lauderdale is empowered, in part, to "make and issue rules and regulations on matters reasonably related to the protection of life and property as affected by such emergency . . ."

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Dean J. Trantalis, Mayor of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 2-274(c), Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida:

**DO HEREBY ORDER AND DECLARE:**

**SECTION 1 – Temporary Closure of Beaches**

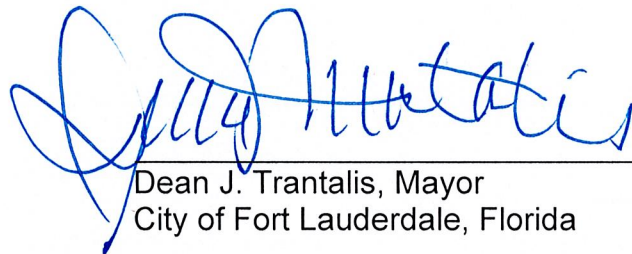
All beaches in the City of Fort Lauderdale shall be closed from 12:01 a.m. on Friday, July 3, 2020 until 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, July 5, 2020.

**SECTION 2 – Applicability, Enforcement, Severability**

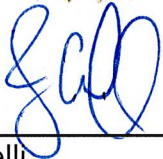
- A. This Declaration is supplemental to the City's Amended Declaration of Emergency Regulations (Phase One Reopening), dated May 28, 2020, Broward County's Emergency Orders, and the Governor's Executive Orders.
- B. Any violation of any rule or regulation issued and set forth herein shall be punishable as provided in Florida Statute, Section 252.50, Sections 1-6, 16-1, and/or 18-1, Code of Ordinances, City of Fort Lauderdale, and Section 8-56, Broward Code of Ordinances, as authorized by Broward County Emergency Order 20-19.

Ordered in the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 29 day of June, 2020.



  
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Dean J. Trantalis, Mayor  
City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Attest:



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Jeff Modarelli  
City Clerk