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City of Greenacres Proactively Declares State of Local Emergency



City officials are taking precautionary measures to be able to act fast and protect its citizens from events which may arise locally, due to the effects of COVID-19.

Greenacres, FL on March 18th, 2020 – Today the [City of Greenacres](#) is declaring a state of local emergency by taking precautionary measures which will enable them to act fast and protect its citizens from events which may arise locally, due to the effects of COVID-19.

The declaration is now in effect and reads as follows:



**CITY OF GREENACRES
DECLARATION OF STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, as similarly stated in the Declarations of State of Emergency by Federal, State and County governments, the Novel Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) poses a significant, imminent, and dangerous threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the inhabitants of the City including the City's residents, visitors and tourists; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sec. 2-169 of the City's Code of Ordinances, the Mayor, or Deputy Mayor in the Mayor's absence, or a Council member in the absence of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, shall declare a State of Local Emergency when an emergency has placed the citizens of the City in danger of loss of life or property.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to section 2-169, of the City of Greenacres' Code of Ordinances, as Mayor of the City of Greenacres, I hereby resolve, find, and declare:

1. The above recitals are true and correct.

2. A State of Local Emergency hereby exists in the City of Greenacres, Palm Beach County, Florida. This State of Local Emergency shall be in effect for seven (7) days beginning at 12 p.m., this 18th day of March 2020, and may be extended in seven (7) day increments, or for the period of time that a state of emergency, as declared by the governor, remains in effect, whichever is longer.

3. Consistent with section 2-169 of the City's Code of Ordinances, section 252.38, Florida Statutes, and Florida Governor Ron DeSantis' March 9, 2020 Executive Order Number 20-52, the procedures and formalities otherwise required of the City of Greenacres by law are waived as they pertain to:

- a. Performance of public work and any other prudent action necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the city.
- b. Entering into contracts.
- c. Incurring obligations.
- d. Employment of permanent and temporary workers.
- e. Utilization of volunteer workers.
- f. Rental of equipment.
- g. Acquisition and distribution, with or without compensation, of supplies, materials, and facilities.
- h. Appropriation and expenditure of public funds.

4. Consistent with the foregoing, the City Manager, or her designee, is authorized to suspend, cancel or reschedule non-essential public meetings and outside events and services; to limit access to non-essential City facilities and services; and, to



immediately address other matters as they may arise for efficient and safe operations of the City's business and for the City's inhabitants during the COVID-19 health emergency. To the extent the City Manager must activate an emergency policy which conflicts with an existing ordinance, resolution or policy of the City Council, the City Manager shall temporarily activate said policy and seek ratification of the policy by the City Council at such time as is reasonably possible and consistent with all Federal, State and County preventative and mitigation measures currently in existence and hereafter issued to combat the spread of COVID-19.

5. The City Manager shall be responsible for maintaining accurate reporting and accounting for all activities conducted during a state of local emergency.

6. This authority shall extend only for the period of this State of Local Emergency (as may be extended) or until action by the City Council terminates such authority or declares that this State of Local Emergency has ended.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the Seal of the City of Greenacres, Florida, to be affixed this 18th day of March 2020.

BY: Joel Flores
Joel Flores
Mayor

ATTEST: Quintella L. Moorner
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Quintella L. Moorner, CMC, City Clerk

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About the City of Greenacres: Greenacres is a suburban city conveniently located in the heart of Palm Beach County, Florida just 5 miles from the Atlantic Ocean. It spans an approximate 6-mile radius and was originally incorporated in 1926. It is home to 14 city parks, 9 schools and numerous places of worship. The City's mission is to continually improve the quality of life by providing the best and most cost efficient public services and facilities. The current City Mayor is Mr. Joel Flores. City Hall is located at 5800 Melaleuca Lane, Greenacres, FL 33463.