

**TOWN OF HIGHLAND BEACH
STAY HOME, STAY SAFE EMERGENCY ORDER
REGARDING COVID -19
MARCH 30, 2020**

WHEREAS, Governor Ron DeSantis, issued on March 1, 2020, Executive Order Number 20-51, which established “COVID-19 Response Protocol and Directs Public Health Emergency” in response to the growing and significant outbreak of COVID-19 in the State of Florida; and,

WHEREAS, Governor Ron DeSantis, issued on March 9, 2020, Executive Order Number 20-52, which established a State of Emergency for the State of Florida declaring COVID-19 as a public health emergency; and,

WHEREAS, Governor Ron DeSantis, issued on March 24, 2020, Executive Order Number 20-83, which directed the State Surgeon General and State Health Officer to issue a public health advisory to all persons over 65 years of age and with serious underlying medical conditions that places them at a high risk of severe illness from COVID-19, to stay home and to take such other measures as necessary to limit their risk of exposure to the virus; and,

WHEREAS, to reduce the spread of COVID-19, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) and the Florida State Department of Health (“FDOH”) recommend implementation of community mitigation measures to contain the virus, which includes cancelling large gatherings, limiting social or recreational gatherings, and social distancing between persons in smaller gatherings; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Highland Beach passed a resolution on March 16, 2020, declaring a State of Local Emergency and authorizing the Town Manager to take all actions deemed necessary to protect and preserve the health, safety and welfare of the Town’s citizens and the public at large; and,

WHEREAS, on March 26, 2020, Palm Beach County put into effect Emergency Order 2020-002, which closed all noncritical retail and commercial business locations within Palm Beach County; and,

WHEREAS, Governor Ron DeSantis, issued on March 20, 2020, Executive Order Number 20-70, closing venues of large gatherings and all beaches to mitigate the risk of community spread of COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, on March 26, 2020, the City Boca Raton entered an Emergency “Stay Home, Stay Safe” Order directing all persons living within the City of Boca Raton to remain in their homes or upon their own residential property and to limit public and private gatherings to occur inside a residence, said Order to take effect on March 28, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, on March 28, 2020, the City of Delray Beach entered an Emergency “Stay Home, Stay Safe” Order directing all persons living within the City of Delray Beach to stay home and within the entirety of their owned or rented properties and placed an overnight curfew, said Order to take effect on March 30, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, it has been determined that it is in the best interest of the Town of Highland Beach, which is adjacent to the City of Boca Raton and the City of Delray Beach, to issue a similar order restricting movements within the Town.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Resolution 20-006 (Declaration of State of Local Emergency), section 2.29 of the Town's Code of Ordinances, relevant Florida Statutes, and State and County Emergency Orders, I HEREBY ORDER:

Section 1. Stay Home, Stay Safe Order. All persons living within the Town of Highland Beach should remain in their homes or upon their own residential property. Public and private gatherings of any number of people shall occur inside a residence. This provision does not limit the number of those gathering within a single household, residence, or dwelling unit. This provision does not restrict residents and visitors from engaging in essential retail and commercial activities, including traveling to or from essential retail and commercial businesses as delineated in Palm Beach County Emergency Order 2020-002.

Section 2. Outdoor Recreational Activities. Residents and visitors may engage in outdoor activity and recreation, including, without limitation, walking, running or cycling, in areas not otherwise closed to the public pursuant to Palm Beach County Emergency Order 2020-002, as may be amended from time to time, provided that individuals conduct all such activities in compliance with all measures advised by the CDC and FDOH, including, but not limited to, social distancing.

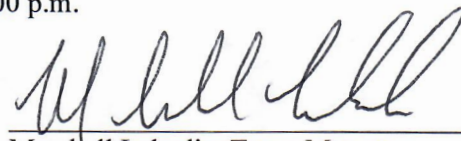
Section 3. Personal Support Activities. Residents and visitors may travel to and from their homes to care for or support a friend, family member, or pet in another household. However, if visitation is within Highland Beach, it should take place inside of the residence or dwelling unit.

Section 4. Enforcement. The provisions of this Emergency Order may be enforced within the corporate limits of the Town of Highland Beach by the Town's police department and code enforcement officials. Any violation of any rule or regulation set forth herein shall be punishable as provided for by law and/or the Town's code of ordinances.

Section 5. Exemption. This Order does not affect any town functions or be interpreted to include employees engaged in the operation of Town business.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Order shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on Monday, March 30, 2020, and shall remain in effect as long as the Town's State of Emergency is in effect, as amended or extended.

ORDERED this 29th day of March, 2020, at 12:00 p.m.



Marshall Labadie, Town Manager

ATTEST:

Lanelda Gaskins, MMC
Town Clerk