



## LOCAL DECLARATION OF PUBLIC EMERGENCY TOWN OF LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA, FLORIDA

**WHEREAS**, Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) is a severe acute respiratory illness that can spread among humans through respiratory transmission and presents with symptoms similar to those of influenza; and

**WHEREAS**, in late 2019, a new and significant outbreak of COVID-19 emerged in China; and

**WHEREAS**, the World Health Organization previously declared COVID-19 a Public Health Emergency of International Concern; and

**WHEREAS**, in response to the recent COVID-19 outbreak in China, Iran, Italy, Japan, and South Korea, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (the “CDC”) has deemed it necessary to prohibit or restrict non-essential travel to or from those countries; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 2, 2020, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-51, directing the Florida Department of Health to issue a Public Health Emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 7, 2020, Governor DeSantis directed the Director of the Division of Emergency Management to activate the State of Emergency Operations Center to Level 2 to provide coordination and response to the COVID-19 emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 9, 2020, eight counties in Florida, including Broward County, have positive cases for COVID-19; and COVID-19 poses a risk to the entire state of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 10, 2020, Broward County Commission authorized the County Administrator to declare an emergency for Broward County due to COVID-19, and she did so that same day for the next seven (7) days; and

**WHEREAS**, the CDC currently recommends community preparedness and everyday prevention measures be taken by all individuals and families in the United States, including voluntary home isolation when individuals are sick with respiratory symptoms, covering coughs and sneezes with a tissue and disposal of the tissue immediately thereafter, washing hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, using alcohol-based hand sanitizers with 60%-95% alcohol if soap and water are not readily available, and routinely cleaning frequently touched surfaces and objects to increase community resilience and readiness for responding to an outbreak; and

**WHEREAS**, the CDC currently recommends mitigation measures for communities experiencing an outbreak including staying at home when sick, keeping away from others who are sick, limiting face-to-face contact with others as much as possible, consulting with your healthcare provider if individuals or members of a household are at high risk for COVID-19 complications, wearing a facemask if advised to do so by a healthcare provider or by a public health official, staying home when a household member is sick with respiratory disease symptoms if instructed to do so by public health officials or a health care provider; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 252.38(3)(a) Florida Statutes, gives authority to political subdivisions such as the Town to declare and enact a State of Local Emergency for a period of up to seven (7) days, thereby waiving the procedures and formalities otherwise required of the political subdivision by law, and;

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order 20-52, issued on March 9, 2020, provides political subdivisions within the State with the authority to waive procedures and formalities otherwise required by law pertaining to:

- performing of public work and taking whatever prudent action is necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the community;
- entering into contracts;
- incurring obligations;
- employment of permanent and temporary workers;
- utilization of volunteer workers;
- rental of equipment;
- acquisition and distribution, with or without compensation, of supplies, materials and facilities; and
- appropriation and expenditure of public funds; and

**WHEREAS**, in consultation with the Town Manger, the Mayor of the Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea has determined that it is necessary to declare a State of Local Emergency to exercise the necessary powers permitted by Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, so as to ensure the preparations and response of the Town will be sufficient to address COVID-19.

**NOW THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA, FLORIDA, HEREBY PROCLAIM AND DECLARE:**

**SECTION 1.** That a State of Local Public Emergency is declared for the Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, Florida.

**SECTION 2.** That this declaration of Local Public Emergency shall be in effect for seven days from this date unless earlier terminated.

**SECTION 3.** That this Declaration authorizes the taking of whatever prudent action is necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the community, and that such actions shall be reported to and are subject to ratification at the next meeting of the Town Commission.

**SECTION 4.** That this declaration shall be filed promptly with the Town Clerk and shall be given prompt and general publicity.

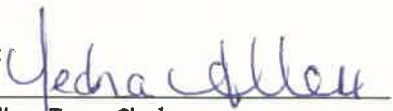
**SECTION 5.** That this proclamation shall take effect immediately upon its issuance.

**SO DECLARED AND ORDERED THIS 13<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2020.**



Mayor Chris Vincent  
Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea

**ATTEST:**

  
Tedra Allen, Town Clerk