

## March 20, 2020

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, 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 13, 2020, the Mayor declared a public emergency in the Town for seven days unless earlier terminated; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order 20-68, requiring that all licensees authorized to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on premises that derive more than 50% of its gross revenue from the sale of alcoholic beverages suspend all sale of alcoholic beverages for 30 days from March 17, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 20-68 directs parties accessing public beaches to follow CDC guidelines by limiting their gathering to no more than 10 people and distance themselves from other parties by 6 feet, and supports the closure of beaches by local municipalities; and

WHEREAS, additionally, Executive Order 20-68 ordered that all restaurants limit occupancy to 50% of their current building occupancy and follow the CDC guidelines ensuring, at a minimum, a 6-foot distance between any group of patrons and limiting parties to no more than 10 individuals; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, the Mayor issued an updated local declaration of public emergency, closing all Town beaches; requiring all licensees authorized to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on premises that derive more than 50% of its gross revenue from the sale of alcoholic beverages to close; and requiring all restaurants, cafeterias, and other food service establishments are mandated to cease all on-premises service; and

WHEREAS, Section 5.2 of the Town Charter authorizes the Mayor to govern during times of grave public danger or emergency.

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

**SECTION 1.** All gatherings anywhere within the Town shall be limited to groups of no more than 10 people and shall keep a 6 foot distance between persons.

**SECTION 2.** Tents, coolers, tables, chairs, and grills are prohibited in all Town parks, portals, plazas, and rights-of-way.

**SECTION 3.** The orders and provisions of the Town's Local Declaration of Public Emergency issued on March 18, 2020, shall remain in effect.

**SECTION 4.** The orders and provisions of all Town Local Declarations of Public Emergency, and any executive orders issued by the Governor that are just as stringent or more stringent than Town orders, shall be

enforced within the boundaries of the Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea by the Broward Sheriff's Office, acting as the Town's police department pursuant to Chapter 15 of the Town Code.

**SECTION 5.** This Declaration shall be in effect for as long as the State of Florida state of emergency is in effect, unless this Declaration is earlier terminated.

**SECTION 6.** This Declaration authorizes the taking of whatever prudent action is necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the community, and requires that such actions shall be reported to and are subject to ratification at the next meeting of the Town Commission.

**SECTION 7.** This Declaration shall be filed promptly with the Town Clerk and shall be given prompt and general publicity.

**SECTION 8.** This Declaration shall take effect immediately.

SO DECLARED AND ORDERED THIS 20th DAY OF MARCH 2020.

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

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Tedra Allen, Town Clerk