



EMERGENCY ORDER 2020-01

SAFER AT HOME ORDER

On March 1, 2020, the Honorable Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida declared a Public Health Emergency as a result of COVID-19.

On March 9, 2020, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-52, declaring a State of Emergency as a result of COVID-19.

During the period between March 10, 2020 and March 13, 2020, Broward County Government, Miami-Dade County Government, and Palm Beach County Government each declared a Local State of Emergency for the incorporated and non-incorporated areas of each respective county.

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the spread of COVID-19 to be a global pandemic.

On March 12, 2020 a State of Emergency was declared in the City of Lauderdale Lakes by the City Mayor as a result of the Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 ("COVID-19"), which was effectively reaffirmed and ratified on March 17, 2020 pursuant to the City Commission's adoption of Resolution 2020-020 and Resolution 2020-021.

Currently, there is no vaccine or drug available to combat COVID-19, and it appears unlikely that such will be available in the immediate future.

The United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") and the Florida State Department of Health recommend implementation of community mitigation strategies to increase containment of the virus, including cancellation of large gatherings and social distancing of at least six (6) feet between persons in smaller gatherings as a critical means of reducing the spread of COVID-19.

On March 26, 2020, the County Administrator of Broward County executed Emergency Order 20-03, Directing Shelter in Place: Safer at Home Policy.

Since the outbreak of COVID-19 numerous states, political subdivisions and local governments, have adopted various versions of "shelter in place" and "safer at home" orders with the primary intent of saving lives and otherwise protecting the health and well-being of the community by promoting social distancing and minimizing contact in an effort to limit community spread of COVID-19.

At the present time, the City of Lauderdale Lakes is aware of confirmed cases of COVID-19 within its jurisdictional boundaries, as well as in neighboring municipalities and the unincorporated areas abutting the City.

This Emergency Order is necessary because of the propensity of the virus to spread person to person and also because the virus is physically causing property damage due to its proclivity to attach to surfaces for prolonged periods of time.

This Emergency Order is necessary to limit the potential community spread of COVID-19 and thereby protect the lives, health, welfare, and safety of the City's residents and neighboring communities from the devastating impacts of this pandemic.

Pursuant to Section 252.38(3) and 252.46, *Florida Statutes* and Section 1.01, Section 2-212 of the Charter of the City of Lauderdale Lakes, as well as Article IV, Section 2-121, City Code of Ordinances, the City has the power to issue emergency orders with the force of law. The City Manager, pursuant to Section 3 of Resolution 2020-020 is authorized to issue Emergency Orders.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

Section 1. This Emergency Order applies to the corporate limits of the City of Lauderdale Lakes, and has no application outside the City of Lauderdale Lakes.

Section 2. Each resident is hereby ordered to remain home and within the entirety of their owned or rented property. The order to remain home does not require residents to confine themselves to the interior of their homes. Residents may make use of all exterior portions of their homes such as patios, porches, yards, and driveways. Residents may also leave their place of residence and travel to another place in accordance with Sections 3 and 4 below.

Section 3. Unless otherwise engaged in or performing an essential activity or engaged in or patronizing an essential business, or providing minimum basic operations to non-essential retail, nonprofit and commercial businesses, or unless otherwise exempted as described in Broward County Emergency Orders 20-01, 20-02 and 20-03, no person shall travel or be on or upon any public right of way, including but not limited to, streets, canals, or sidewalks, within the corporate limits of the City of Lauderdale Lakes.

Section 4. Notwithstanding Section 1, 2, and 3, all residents and visitors in the City may engage in the following activities:

- (1) **Essential Businesses.** Residents and visitors may engage in travel to Essential Businesses and provide minimum basic operations to non-essential businesses as identified in Broward County Emergency Orders 20-01, 20-02 and 20-03 as may be subsequently amended or extended. For clarity, businesses may also continue operations consisting exclusively of employees or contractors performing activities at their own residences (i.e., working from home). All Essential Businesses are strongly encouraged to remain open. Residents and other persons may use public transit for purposes of travel to and from Essential Businesses to either satisfy or otherwise perform work commitments and/or to engage in commerce with those Essential Businesses and/or essential

governmental functions. To the greatest extent practicable, residents and persons riding on public transit shall comply with the social distancing requirements as described and set forth in Section 5 below.

- (2) **Emergency Assistance and Personal Support.** This Emergency Order does not prohibit residents and visitors from engaging in travel and similar activities to obtain assistance from law enforcement, fire-rescue, or other emergency services; or from travel to and from their homes to care for or support a family member, pet, support group or other vulnerable person.
- (3) **Work in Support of Essential Businesses.** Residents and visitors in the City may perform work for and in support of businesses authorized to be open to the public in accordance with Broward County Emergency Order 20-01, 20-02, and 20-03, any local government, the State government, or the Federal government.
- (4) **Religious Services.** Places of worship are encouraged to livestream their services in lieu of in-person gatherings. Persons physically present or attending religious services are strongly encouraged to fully comply with all measures advised by the CDC including limiting gatherings to no more than ten (10) people and practicing social distancing of at least six (6) feet between persons, as well as the measures set forth below in Section 5 of this Emergency Order.
- (5) **Essential Employees.** Essential employees are categorically exempt from any travel, curfew, or other restrictions relating to COVID-19 that are issued by Broward County or any other local governmental entity to the extent the activities at issue are required in order to comply with the employee's duties as an essential employee of Broward County, the City or any other governmental entity. The following persons are designated as essential employees: first responders; gang and crisis intervention workers; public health workers; emergency management personnel; emergency dispatchers; law enforcement personnel and related contractors; persons working for emergency services providers; and governmental employees performing work in the course and scope of their employment, or such other additional persons, entities subsequently designated by the Broward County Administrator or the City Manager with the need for amendment to this Emergency Order.

Section 5. Social Distancing Requirements. All persons occupying any public space within the City shall:

- (1) Practice social distancing by staying at least 6 feet away whenever practicable from another person, excluding immediate family members, caretakers or, household members;
- (2) Cover all coughs and sneezes with their elbow or tissue;

- (3) Not shake hands;
- (4) Not enter any public place if the person exhibits any flu or COVID-19 like symptoms and/or has a fever over 99.9 degrees Fahrenheit unless that person is traveling to or from a hospital, doctor's office, urgent care, walk-in clinic, or pharmacy;
- (5) Any person exhibiting flu or COVID-19 like symptoms or having a fever over 99.9 degrees Fahrenheit and seeking medical treatment, the shall first contact their medical provider by phone before appearing at the medical provider's office; and
- (6) Any person exhibiting flu or COVID-19 like symptoms or having a fever over 99.9 degrees Fahrenheit and requiring a prescription or a refill there shall utilize the drive-thru window and/or delivery service to receive their medication, if such drive-thru window or delivery service is available.

Section 6. Essential Businesses Employee Screening. Persons or entities operating or occupying any structure within the City for the purpose providing or performing any "essential business", as described in Broward County Emergency Order 20-03 shall implement employee screening and prohibit any employee from entering the premises if they affirmatively answer any of the below questions recommended by the federal Center for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC"):

- (1) Have you returned from international travel (anywhere outside the United States) or been on a cruise within the last 14 days?
- (2) Have you been in contact with anyone who has returned from international travel or been on a cruise within the last 14 days?
- (3) Have you been in any gathering of 50 people or more in the last 14 days?
- (4) Have you traveled through any airport within the past 14 days?
- (5) Have you traveled to any area known to have high numbers of positive cases of COVID-19, including but not limited to California, Connecticut, Washington, New Jersey, New York, Massachusetts, or Washington D.C. within the past 14 days?
- (6) Have you experienced signs or symptoms of COVID-19, such as fever over 99.9 degrees Fahrenheit, cough or shortness of breath?

Section 7. Essential Businesses Cleaning Protocols. Persons or entities operating or occupying any structure within the City for the purpose providing or performing any essential business activity, as described in Broward County Emergency Order 20-03 shall undertake reasonable effort to:

- (1) Provide disinfectant wipes or equivalent for shopping carts and baskets or disinfect shopping carts and baskets after each use.
- (2) Disinfect hourly, at a minimum all check out areas, including but not limited to, conveyor belts, cash registers, and credit card areas.
- (3) Disinfect after closing or before opening all areas of the business that customers may touch or come into contact.
- (4) Require employees or independent contractors present to wash and/or disinfect their hands at least once per hour.
- (5) Clean and disinfect any pen, stylus or screen used to sign receipts after each customer or waive the need to sign a receipt.
- (6) Ensure that no more than 10 people, including staff, are gathered in any particular area of the Essential Business.
- (7) Ensure that customers at checkout are separated by at least 6 feet.
- (8) Disinfect all door handles used by the general public at least hourly during business hours.
- (9) Essential Businesses with waiting rooms must ensure that no person shall be seated within 6 feet of another person and all seats must be disinfected after each use.
- (10) Do not allow more than 25% of their approved maximum capacity into any location.

Section 8. Limit on Gatherings. All public and private gatherings of any number of people occurring outside a residence are prohibited except for gatherings between family members, caretakers, or household members provided such gathering does not exceed 10 people.

Section 9. Exceptions for Government and Utility Personnel. Nothing in this Order shall be construed to limit or restrict movement or use of the public rights of way for use by other local governments, the state government, and federal government or their employees, and utility provider and contractors while engaged in their employment or public duties.

Section 10. Enforcement. This Order is in addition to, and supplements, the City's Declaration of a State of Emergency, County Emergency Orders, and State of Florida Executive Orders and shall be strictly adhered to at all times. This Order may be enforced by City law enforcement personnel through issuance of Notices to Appear or arrest, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, and other applicable state, County and City laws,

rules and regulations, or through the issuance of Notices of Violation pursuant to applicable provisions of Florida law, Chapter 162, Florida Statutes, and City Code.

Section 11. Severability. Any provision(s) within this Emergency Order that conflict with any state or federal law or constitutional provision, or that conflict with or are superseded by a current or subsequently-issued Executive Order of the Governor or the President of the United States or the County Administrator of Broward County, shall be deemed inapplicable and deemed to be severed from this Emergency Order, with the remainder of the Emergency Order remaining intact and in full force and effect.

Section 12. Effective Date. This Emergency Order is effective as of 12:01 AM on March 28, 2020 and shall remain in full force and effect until terminated.

ORDERED ON AND FILED WITH THE CLERK OF THE CITY OF LAUDERDALE LAKES ON MARCH 27, 2020.

ORDERED BY: 
CITY MANAGER