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DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY REGULATIONS

(COVID-19 State of Emergency – March 18, 2020)

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

WHEREAS, in December 2019, a new and significant outbreak of COVID-19 emerged in China and has since spread rapidly to more than 100 countries and territories throughout the World, including the United States, Florida, and more specifically, Broward County; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared COVID-19 a global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, in response to the recent COVID-19 outbreaks in China, Iran, Italy, Japan and South Korea, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is predicting widespread transmission of COVID-19 in the United States; and

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order number 20-51 directing the Florida Department of Health to issue a Public Health Emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2020, the State Surgeon General and State Health Officer declared a Public Health Emergency exists in the State of Florida as a result of COVID-19; and

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

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order 20-52 declaring a State of Emergency for COVID-19 in the State of Florida, directed the Florida Division of Emergency Management to activate the Florida Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to coordinate the state's response to COVID-19, and authorized each political subdivision of the state to "waive the procedures and formalities otherwise required of the

political subdivision by law pertaining to the performance of public work and taking whatever prudent action is necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the community;" and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, Broward County issued a Local Declaration of Emergency under the provisions of the Broward County Charter and Florida Statutes Chapter 252 due to the serious threat to the health, safety and life within Broward County. The City implemented its local emergency plan and the County activated its Emergency Operations Center, which allows the County to quickly initiate emergency response to municipalities like Sunrise if a need arises; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the State Director of Emergency Management, Jared Moskowitz, advised that "municipalities cancel all major gatherings in their jurisdictions, until further notice;" and

WHEREAS on March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump declared a "National Emergency" and urged every state to set up emergency operations centers; and

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2020, the City of Sunrise declared an emergency for purposes of procurement under Section 5-173 of the City's Code; and

WHEREAS, as of March 16, 2020, Worldometer reports that 162 countries and territories have been affected, that 179,836 COVID-19 cases exist and that 7,096 people have died from COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, President Trump stated that to prevent the spread of the pandemic disease, that no more than 10 people should gather in a location and President Trump has further stated that this pandemic may last through July or August 2020; and

WHEREAS, numerous counties in Florida, including Broward County, have positive cases for COVID-19, and COVID-19 poses a significant health risk to the entire state of Florida; and

WHEREAS, as of March 17, 2020, the State of Florida has 192 confirmed cases of COVID-19 of which 43 are located in Broward County; and

WHEREAS, experts say the worst is yet to come with some estimates calling for the pandemic to last two (2) months and the possibility of more than 800 cases in Broward County; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sunrise is threatened by the COVID-19 pandemic due to the virus' ability to spread rapidly and overwhelm the health system; and

WHEREAS, the CDC has issued guidelines for "community mitigation strategies" to limit the spread of COVID-19, including recommendations for social distancing, which has proven to be an effective method for containing COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, this emergency declaration allows City staff to proceed with all mitigation, prevention, and awareness efforts required to minimize impact from the COVID-19 outbreak in Broward County, and to take measures to protect the health, safety and public welfare of our Sunrise residents, employees, businesses and visitors; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-68 that provides that the licensee of a bar, pub or nightclub that derives more than 50% of its gross revenue from the sale of alcoholic beverages shall suspend all sale of alcoholic beverages for thirty (30) days from the date of his order; makes requirements for beaches; and provides that restaurants shall immediately limit occupancy to 50% of current building occupancy and ensure a 6-foot distance between any group of patrons and limit parties to no more than ten (10) individuals; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 3.13 of the City's Charter, Florida Statutes Chapters 166, 252 and 870 and the Declaration of State of Emergency existing since March 9, 2020, Emergency Ordinances such as this Emergency Ordinance may be enacted by the City Commission to meet a public emergency affecting life, health, property, safety or the public peace.

NOW THEREFORE, the City Commission of the City of Sunrise pursuant to the City's Charter, Florida Statutes Chapters 166, 252, and 870, and the Governor's Declaration of the State of Emergency existing since March 9, 2020, does hereby declare and establish that, effective at 5:00 p.m. on March 18, 2020 through and including April 16, 2020 that:

1. All restaurants, cafeterias, and other food service establishments are mandated to cease all on-premises service. However, such establishments may continue to operate their kitchens for drive-thru, delivery, take-out, and exterior pickup food services.

2. All gyms, fitness centers, fitness studios, dance studios, and gymnasiums shall close. This regulation shall not apply to gymnasiums, fitness centers, and fitness studios which: (a) are amenities of hotels or office buildings and which have a capacity of 10 persons or less; and (b) are an amenity of residential buildings.

3. All bars, nightclubs, taverns, pubs, cocktail lounges, breweries, dance halls, movie theaters, halls for hire, auditoriums, bowling alleys, video arcades, and other like entertainment facilities and businesses, including but not limited to those contained within a hotel or other enclosed facility or structure, shall close.

4. All public gatherings of any type, whether organized or otherwise, of greater than 10 persons are prohibited. Grocery stores, gas stations, convenience stores, banks, credit unions, financial institutions, hardware stores, auto-supply stores, hospital, healthcare and medical facilities, pharmacies, drug stores, medical supply companies, land or facilities owned and managed by Broward County, the Broward County School Board, the North Broward Hospital District, the State of Florida, the Federal Government, and City of Sunrise are exempt for this regulation.


Dated, in the City of Sunrise, Florida, this 18th day of March, 2020.

Sunrise City Commission



Mayor Michael J. Ryan
City of Sunrise, Florida

Attest:



Felicia M. Bravo, City Clerk