



Mayor's Office

## **Emergency Executive Order Number 4 March 27, 2020**

**Whereas**, the Coronavirus (Covid-19) presents a serious threat to the safety and welfare of the residents of the City of Sweetwater and the County of Miami-Dade; and,

**Whereas**, under the provisions of law and Sections 252.31 - 252.60, Florida Statutes, the City of Sweetwater declared on March 16, 2020 that a State of Local Emergency exists within the City of Sweetwater, Miami-Dade County, Florida in response to the Novel Coronavirus ("COVID-19"); and

**Whereas**, the effects of COVID -19 continue to require extraordinary and immediate actions by the City of Sweetwater in order to protect the public's health, safety, and welfare; and

**Whereas**, on March 9, 2020, Florida Governor Ron Desantis promulgated Executive Order 20-52 and declared a State of Emergency in Florida in response to COVID-19; and

**Whereas**, Executive Order 20-52, Section (4)(0)(1) provides that each municipality in the State of Florida is authorized to waive the procedures and formalities otherwise required of the political subdivision by law pertaining to the taking of whatever prudent action is necessary to ensure the public's health, safety, and welfare; and

**Whereas**, COVID-19 is a natural emergency whose increasing effects are being felt within the City of Sweetwater and that on account thereof, there is reason to believe that it is necessary to take whatever prudent action is necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the City of Sweetwater; and,


**Whereas**, under §30-1 of the City Code of Ordinances, the Mayor is authorized to invoke such emergency powers and thereby "direct and coordinate the development of emergency management plans and programs in accordance with the policies and plans set by the federal, state and county emergency management agencies";

**Now Therefore**, by the authority granted me as Mayor of the City of Sweetwater under the current state of emergency, I hereby order:

1. A curfew is established from 11PM to 5AM. All residents living within the City of Sweetwater are ordered to remain in their residence subject only to emergencies involving imminent harm to life, safety, or property.
2. Between 5AM and 11PM, all residents living within the City of Sweetwater are hereby ordered to remain in their residence subject only to the exceptions permitted herein.

3. Residents may leave their residence and persons may travel into the City of Sweetwater to seek goods and services from essential retail establishments and/or to perform work in support of essential activities specifically permitted in this Emergency Executive Order or any emergency order issued by a local municipality, Miami-Dade County, the State of Florida, or the federal government. Travel by personnel of essential retail and commercial activity shall be permitted, including personnel providing essential services to residents within their homes, such as repair landscaping and pool services, home care, or other essential services as provided in Miami Dade County Emergency Orders, as amended, provided persons engaging in these essential activities shall maintain reasonable social distancing practices at all times.
4. Subject only to the exceptions permitted in paragraph 4 above, all non-essential travel, including and without limitation, travel on scooter, motorcycle, automobile, or use of public transit is prohibited.
5. Residents may engage in outdoor recreational activity and/or visit recreational areas not otherwise closed to the public pursuant to existing Emergency Orders issued by Miami-Dade County, as amended by Miami-Dade County, or subsequent Emergency Measures by the City of Sweetwater, provided that the individuals maintain a distance of at least six (6) feet between each other.
6. Violation of this Executive Order may be punished by a fine of not more than \$500.00 or by imprisonment in the county jail for a period not exceeding 60 days or by both pursuant to §1-15 of the City Code of the City of Sweetwater.

**Done and Ordered** on March 27, 2020 at 11:00PM.



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Orlando Lopez  
Mayor  
City of Sweetwater