

DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY
(Pursuant to COVID-19 State of Emergency)

City of West Park
Order #2020-04
(Amending/Replacing Order #2020-01)

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of West Park, Florida, declared the existence of a Citywide **“STATE OF EMERGENCY”** and authorized that all proper and lawful actions necessary to swiftly resolve the emergency and return the City to a condition of normalcy shall be taken; and

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

WHEREAS, the Florida Governor issued Executive Order Number 20-52 and 20-68 on Monday, March 9, 2020 and March 17, 2020, respectively, declaring a state of emergency statewide, and authorizing, in accordance with Section 252.38, Florida Statutes, each political subdivision within the State to "waive the procedures and formalities otherwise required of the political subdivision by law pertaining to . . . [the] [p]erformance of public work and taking whatever prudent action is necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the community;" and

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

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is predicting that it is likely that widespread transmission of COVID-19 will also occur in the United States; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, President Donald J. Trump and the CDC issued the 15 days to slow the spread guidance advising individuals to adopt far-reaching measures, such as working from home and avoiding gatherings of more than 10 people; and

WHEREAS, the City of West Park is threatened by COVID-19 because of the extraordinary ability of the virus to spread rapidly among humans, and COVID-19 thereby constitutes a clear and present threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens and visitors of the City of West Park; 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, pursuant to Section 12-25 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of West Park, Florida, due to the proclamation of a state of emergency by the Governor, the Mayor of the City of West Park has determined that emergency measures must be taken to alleviate the suffering of people and protect property.

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, I signed City of West Park Emergency Order 2020-01, declaring and establishing that events and activities within the City of West Park are postponed, cancelled, or suspended.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Eric H. Jones, Mayor of the City of West Park, Florida, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 12-25, Code of Ordinances of the City of West Park, Florida, do hereby declare and establish that the following activities within the City of West Park are postponed, cancelled, or postponed:

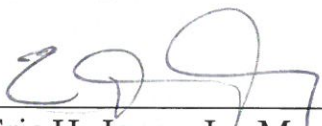
1. Events and activities within the City of West Park are postponed, cancelled, or suspended, to include:
 - All meetings of the City Commission, City boards, including all advisory and statutory boards, All Special Magistrate hearings, and City committees. Except virtual commission meeting as deemed necessary by the City Administrator.
 - All Homeowner Association meetings conducted or held on City property;
 - All City events, including but not limited to, events approved pursuant to 15th Anniversary Celebration; and
 - All City recreational programs, senior program, afterschool program and facilities, facility rentals, and organized sports leagues or gatherings at any City Park, except for “essential service” of Free Fresh Produce Distribution hosted by the City at McTyre Park.
2. 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, 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 State of Florida, and the Federal Government, are exempt from this regulation.
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 motel or other enclosed facility or structure, shall close.

4. 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 motel/hotels or office buildings and which have a capacity of 10 persons or less; and (b) are an amenity of residential buildings.
5. 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 pick-up food services.
6. All City Parks, including recreational facilities, are closed, except for “essential service” of Free Fresh Produce Distribution hosted by the City at McTyre Park.
7. Businesses exempted in paragraph 2 and facilities exempted in paragraph 4 shall have alcohol-based hand sanitizer at every entrance for use by persons upon entering and exiting.
8. All citizens and visitors of the City of West Park are directed to comply with these emergency regulations and necessary measures, which shall be strictly enforced, and to cooperate with public officials and public safety personnel in executing any emergency operational plans, and to obey and comply with the lawful direction of all properly identified public officers.
9. That the City Administrator/Manager, W. Ajibola Balogun, is further authorized to take any appropriate and necessary action to protect the health and safety of the residents and visitors to West Park, in connection with COVID-19.
10. In accordance with Section 12-25, Code of Ordinances, City of West Park, any violation of any rule or regulation issued and set forth herein shall be punishable pursuant to applicable Code of the City of West Park.

Effective Date: This order shall be effective as of 12:01 a.m. on Saturday, April 18, 2020.

Dated, in the City of West Park, Florida, this 15th day of April 2020.




Eric H. Jones, Jr., Mayor
City of West Park, Florida