

**CITY OF WESTON, FLORIDA  
DECLARATION NO. 2020-01**

A DECLARATION BY THE CITY OF WESTON, FLORIDA, DECLARING A STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY PERTAINING TO A DISASTER IN THE CITY OF WESTON, BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA FOR THE DISASTER KNOWN AS NOVEL CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019.

WHEREAS, First, 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, Second, in late 2019, a new and significant outbreak of COVID-19 emerged in China; and

WHEREAS, Third, the World Health Organization previously declared COVID-19 a Public Health Emergency of International Concern; and

WHEREAS, Fourth, in response to the recent COVID-19 outbreak in China, Iran, Italy, Japan, and South Korea, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (the "CDC") has deemed it necessary to prohibit or restrict non-essential travel to or from those countries; and

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

WHEREAS, Seventh, on March 10, 2020, the Broward County Commission authorized the County Administrator to declare an emergency for Broward County due to COVID-19, and she did so that same day; and

WHEREAS, Eighth, the CDC currently recommends community preparedness and everyday prevention measures be taken by all individuals and families in the United States, including voluntary home isolation when individuals are sick with respiratory symptoms, covering coughs and sneezes with a tissue and disposal of the tissue immediately thereafter, washing hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, using alcohol-based hand sanitizers with 60%-95% alcohol if soap and water are not readily available, and routinely cleaning frequently touched surfaces and objects to increase community resilience and readiness for responding to an outbreak; and

WHEREAS, Ninth, the CDC currently recommends mitigation measures for communities experiencing an outbreak including staying at home when sick, keeping away from others who are sick, limiting face-to-face contact with others as much as possible, consulting with your healthcare provider if individuals or members of a household are at high risk for COVID-19 complications, wearing a facemask if advised to do so by a healthcare provider or by a public health official,



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staying home when a household member is sick with respiratory disease symptoms if instructed to do so by public health officials or a health care provider; and

WHEREAS, Tenth, Chapter 252.38(3)(a) Florida Statutes, gives authority to political subdivisions such as the City to declare and enact a State of Local Emergency for a period of up to seven (7) days, thereby waiving the procedures and formalities otherwise required of the political subdivision by law, and;

WHEREAS, Eleventh, Executive Order 20-52, issued on March 9, 2020, provides political subdivisions within the State with the authority to waive procedures and formalities otherwise required by law pertaining to:

- performing of public work and taking whatever prudent action is necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the community;
- entering into contracts;
- incurring obligations;
- employment of permanent and temporary workers;
- utilization of volunteer workers;
- rental of equipment;
- acquisition and distribution, with or without compensation, of supplies, materials and facilities; and
- appropriation and expenditure of public funds; and

WHEREAS, Twelfth, there are approximately 155 cases in the State of Florida, of which approximately 38 are in Broward County; and

WHEREAS, Thirteenth, Section 60.04, of the Code of Ordinances, of the City of Weston govern the declaration of a State of Local Emergency in the City of Weston pertaining to a disaster; and

WHEREAS, Fourteenth, Section 60.04 (A), of the Code of Ordinances, of the City of Weston grants to the City Manager and the Mayor the authority to jointly declare a state of local emergency, pursuant to Florida Statutes Chapter 252, regarding an emergency pertaining to a disaster; and

WHEREAS, Fifteenth, Section 60.03, of the Code of Ordinances, of the City of Weston provides for the Powers, Duties and Responsibilities during a declared State of Local Emergency; and

WHEREAS, Sixteenth, City Manager Donald P. Decker and Mayor Daniel J. Stermer of the City of Weston, Broward County, Florida, have jointly determined it is necessary to declare a State of Local Emergency to enable the exercise of the necessary provisions of Section 60.03, of the Code of Ordinances, of the City of Weston and to exercise the necessary powers permitted by Florida Statutes Chapter 252 so as to ensure the preparations, response and recovery of the City will be sufficient to address this disaster.



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NOW, THEREFORE, I Donald P. Decker as City Manager, and I Daniel J. Stermer as Mayor hereby declare:

Section 1: A State of Local Emergency pertaining to a disaster exists in the City of Weston, Broward County, Florida beginning at 6:45 p.m. this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020.

Section 2: The duration of this State of Local Emergency shall remain in effect no longer than seven days on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March 2020 and may be extended as necessary in seven day increments, in accordance with Florida Statutes § 252.38.

Section 3: This State of Local Emergency may be terminated by the Mayor and City Manager when they have jointly declared that it is no longer necessary.

DECLARED this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020.

  
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Daniel J. Stermer, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Patricia A. Bates, MMC, City Clerk  
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Donald P. Decker, City Manager