

**CITY OF WESTON, FLORIDA
EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 2020-03**

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, 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, Third, on March 9, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order 20-52, providing 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;
- appropriation and expenditure of public funds; and

WHEREAS, Fourth, on March 16, 2020, the City of Weston declared a State of Local Emergency; and

WHEREAS, Fifth, on March 17, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order 20-68, setting forth, among other things, certain requirements for bars, pubs, nightclubs and restaurants; and

WHEREAS, Sixth, Section 60.03(A)(6), of the Code of Ordinances, empowers the City Manager to issue orders necessary for the protection of life and property, establishment of public order, and control of adverse conditions affecting public welfare resulting from an Emergency, and to adopt order issues by Federal, State or Broward County Emergency management agencies; and

WHEREAS, Seventh, on March 18, 2020, Donald P. Decker, as City Manager, entered Emergency Order No. 2020-01, requiring that all restaurants close for on premises dining no later than 10:00 PM every night, but could remain open during their normally permitted hours for drive-thru, take-out and delivery services; and

WHEREAS, Eighth, on March 19, 2020, Donald P. Decker, as City Manager, entered Emergency Order No. 2020-02, closing Weston Regional Park, Tequesta Trace Park and Vista Park beginning at 11:00 PM on March 20, 2020, and requiring all restaurants cease all on premises

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dining beginning at noon on March 20, 2020; provided, however, that restaurants may remain open for their normally permitted hours for drive-thru, take-out and delivery services only.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Donald P. Decker as City Manager, hereby declare:

Section 1: All public gatherings of any type, whether organized or otherwise, of greater than 10 persons are prohibited beginning at 12:01 AM on Monday, March 23, 2020. Grocery stores, gas stations, convenience stores, banks, credit unions, financial institutions, hardware stores, auto-supply stores, hospitals, 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. City operations and buildings (but not City parks) are also exempt from this regulation.

Section 2: This Order shall remain in place as long as the State of Local Emergency is in effect, as amended and extended.

Section 3: The orders and provisions of this Emergency Order may be enforced within the boundaries of the City of Weston by the Broward Sheriff's Office, as the City's law enforcement agency.

Section 4: Any violation of any rule or regulation issued and set forth herein shall be punishable as provide in Section 2.99 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Weston.

Section 5: This Order shall take effect immediately upon execution.

DECLARED this 22nd day of March 2020, at 12:01 PM.



Donald P. Decker, City Manager

ATTEST:



Patricia A. Bates, MMC, City Clerk