

**CITY OF WESTON, FLORIDA
EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 2020-06**

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 20, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order 20-69, under which the Governor suspended all requirements that a quorum of a local government body be present in person and that it meet at a specific public place, and authorized local government bodies to hold public meetings utilizing communications media technology, such as telephonic and video conferencing, as provided in Section 120.54(5)(b)2, Florida Statutes; 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

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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 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; and

WHEREAS, Ninth, on March 22, 2020, Donald P. Decker, as City Manager, entered Emergency Order No. 2020-03, prohibiting all public gatherings of any type, whether organized or otherwise, of greater than 10 persons, with specified exemptions; and

WHEREAS, Tenth, on March 23, 2020, Donald P. Decker, as City Manager, entered Emergency Order No. 2020-04, adopting and incorporating Executive Orders 20-51, 20-52, 20-68, 20-69, 20-70, 20-71 and 20-72 issued by the Governor, and Broward County Emergency Order 20-01; and

WHEREAS, Eleventh, on March 25, 2020, Donald P. Decker, as City Manager, entered Emergency Order No. 2020-05, issuing a Safer at Home Order, and setting forth regulations for Essential Businesses and closing all of the City's parks; and

WHEREAS, Twelfth, the City now desires to implement procedures and rules, consistent with the Governor's Executive Order 2020-69, to enable public meetings utilizing communications media technology, such as telephonic and video conferencing.

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

Section 1: Rules of Procedure for Public Meetings Utilizing Communications Media Technology:

Section 1(A): Prior to the commencement of any City public meeting (including meetings of the City Commission, procurement selection committees and any other meetings subject to Florida's Sunshine Law), the City shall post notice of the meeting in a manner consistent with Section 286.011, Florida Statutes. The notice shall also include instructions on how to access the public meeting either via telephone, video conference, or other communications media technology utilized by the City.

Section 1(B): As used in this Order, "communications media technology" means the electronic transmission of printed matter, audio, full-motion video, freeze-frame video, compressed video, and digital video by any method available, and includes telephonic and video conferencing.

Section 1(C): If a public meeting provides for the opportunity for public comment in general or on a specific item, the notice shall also include instructions regarding how members of the public may submit written comments or questions to be read at the public meeting, which may be submitted before and, to the extent technologically practicable, during the meeting prior to the close of any public comment period.

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Section 1(D): The public meeting shall comply with all requirements of Section 286.011, Florida Statutes, which have not otherwise been suspended or waived pursuant to Executive Order 20-69 (e.g., the preparation of minutes, etc.) and this Order.

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: This Order is in addition to, and supplements, the City's Emergency Orders. All requirements of City Emergency Orders, Broward County Emergency Orders, and State of Florida Executive Orders shall be strictly adhered to at all times.

Section 4: This Order shall take effect immediately upon execution.

DECLARED this 30th day of March 2020, at 9:45 AM.



Donald P. Decker, City Manager

ATTEST:



Patricia A. Bates, MMC, City Clerk