

EMERGENCY ORDER OF THE CITY MANAGER
PROHIBITING GATHERINGS OF 10 OR MORE PERSONS,
ENCOURAGING THE PUBLIC TO STAY AT HOME AND
EXTENDING THE EMERGENCY DECLARATION

WHEREAS, Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a severe acute respiratory illness that can spread among humans through respiratory transmission and causes symptoms similar to those of influenza; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020 the Governor of the State of Florida issued Executive Order No. 20-52 in which the Governor declared a State of Emergency exists in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020 the City of Sarasota declared a City-wide Public Health Emergency pursuant to Chapter 13 of the Sarasota City Code; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020 President Donald J. Trump and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued the 15 Days to Slow the Spread Guidance advising individuals to adopt far-reaching social distancing measures, such as working from home and avoiding gatherings of more than 10 people; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020 the Governor of the State of Florida issued Executive Order No. 20-68 in which the Governor, among other things, directed parties accessing public beaches in the State of Florida to follow the CDC guidance by limiting their gatherings to no more than 10 persons and distancing themselves from other parties by six feet and directed restaurants (which, at that time, were still open for eating in) to follow the CDC guidance by ensuring a minimum six-foot distance between any group of patrons and limiting parties to no more than 10 individuals; and

WHEREAS, effective March 20, 2020, and March 27, 2020, the City Manager extended the City-wide Public Health Emergency Declaration for an additional period of seven (7) days; and

WHEREAS, mitigating the effects of COVID-19 and protecting the health of its citizens and visitors is a high priority of the City of Sarasota; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 virus has the propensity to attach to surfaces for prolonged periods of time, thus causing property damage and continuing the spread of the virus; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2020 the Governor of the State of Florida issued Executive Order 20-83 directing the Surgeon General and State Health Officer, among other things, to issue a public health advisory urging certain at risk persons to stay at home and against all social or recreational gatherings of 10 or more persons; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the direction from the Governor in Executive Order 20-83 and with the City-wide declaration of a Public Health Emergency as extended, the City

Manager on March 26, 2020, as stated with more specificity below, directed that gatherings of more than 10 persons be prohibited in the City of Sarasota and that members of the public are very strongly urged to remain in their homes as a result of the Public Health Emergency; and

WHEREAS, this Emergency Order is issued pursuant to the home rule and police powers of the City of Sarasota and is issued pursuant to powers and authority conferred by Chapter 252, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, Section 13-3, Sarasota City Code, provides that Emergency Orders issued by the City Manager shall become effective immediately upon issuance and shall be reduced to writing as soon as practical thereafter; and

WHEREAS, this Emergency Order is hereby reduced to writing and will be filed with the City Auditor and Clerk.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THOMAS BARWIN, CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF SARASOTA, FLORIDA, BASED UPON THE FOREGOING RECITATIONS, HEREBY ISSUE THIS EMERGENCY ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

Section I. In light of the foregoing conditions, I hereby order that social or recreational gatherings of 10 or more persons are prohibited in the City of Sarasota. All citizens and visitors of the City of Sarasota are ordered to comply with the CDC guidelines of social distancing (6 feet of separation from others and no group gatherings of 10 or more). The Sarasota Police Department is authorized to disperse gatherings of 10 or more persons and treat violations of this emergency order as a second degree misdemeanor punishable in accordance with Section 252.50, Florida Statutes. This emergency order does not prohibit the gathering of members of a single household or residence. A "social or recreational gathering" as that term is used herein, does not include a group of persons at the following locations:

- Office space, child care facilities, multifamily residential buildings, or any type of temporary shelter or housing;
- Hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living facilities and other health care facilities;

- Places of worship;
- Grocery stores and pharmacies;
- The airport; or
- Any location at which persons purchase supplies or services in furtherance of their employment.

Section 2. Members of the public are very strongly urged to remain in their homes except for activities related to the provision of essential commodities and services, such as:

- For health and safety. To engage in activities or perform tasks essential to their health and safety, or to the health and safety of their family or household members (including, but not limited to pets) such as, by way of example only and without limitation, seeking emergency services, obtaining medical supplies or medication, or visiting a health care professional.
- For necessary supplies and services. To obtain necessary services or supplies for themselves and their family or household members, or to deliver those services or supplies to others, such as, by way of example only and without limitation, groceries and food, household consumer products, supplies they need to work from home and products necessary to maintain the safety, sanitation and essential operation of residences.
- For outdoor activity. To engage in outdoor activity, provided the individuals comply with social distancing, limiting gatherings to no more than 10 people, and all other measures advised by the CDC, such as, by way of example only and without

limitation, walking, hiking, running or biking. Individuals may go to public parks and open outdoor recreation areas that are open to the public.

- For work. To work, as well as to travel to and from a place of work.
- To take care of others. To care for a family member, friend or pet in another household.

Section 3. The City-wide Public Health Emergency declared by the City of Sarasota on March 13, 2020 is hereby extended for an additional seven (7) increments so as to expire on April 3, 2020.

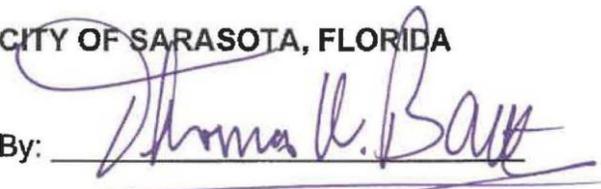
Section 4. This Emergency Order may be extended in seven (7) day increments if necessary.

Section 5. As soon as feasible after issuance and filing with the City Auditor and Clerk, pursuant to Section 13-3, Sarasota City Code, this Emergency Order shall be published at least once in a conspicuous manner in a newspaper of general circulation within the City of Sarasota.

DONE AND ORDERED this 26th day of March 2020.

CITY OF SARASOTA, FLORIDA

By: _____


Thomas Barwin
City Manager