

CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-01
(Emergency Management – COVID-19)

AN EXECUTIVE ORDER BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH, FLORIDA, DECLARING A STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH, BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

WHEREAS, 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, on March 1, 2020, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-51, directing the Florida Department of Health to issue a Public Health Emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2020, the State Surgeon General and State Health Officer declared that a Public Health Emergency exists in the State of Florida as a result of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, 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, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization publicly characterized COVID-19 as a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, as of March 12, 2020, fourteen counties in Florida, including Broward County, have positive cases for COVID-19, and COVID-19 poses a risk to the City of Deerfield Beach and the entire state of Florida; and

WHEREAS, 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, 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, Section 30-28 of the City of Deerfield Beach Code of Ordinances (the “City Code”) empowers the Mayor to declare a state of local emergency by executive order if the Mayor finds that an emergency, as defined in Section 252.34, Fla. Stat., has occurred in the City or that the threat thereof is imminent; and

WHEREAS, Section 252.34(4), Fla. Stat., defines an “emergency” to mean “any occurrence, or threat thereof, whether natural, technological, or manmade, in war or in peace, which results or may result in substantial injury or harm to the population or substantial damage to or loss of property”; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 poses an imminent threat that may result in substantial injury or harm to the population; and

WHEREAS, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-52 on March 9, 2020, declaring a State of Emergency in the State of Florida due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 20-52 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, the Mayor of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida has determined it is necessary to declare a State of Local Emergency to exercise the necessary provisions of Section 30-29 of the City Code, and to exercise the necessary powers permitted by Chapter 252, Florida Statutes and the Executive Orders issued by the Governor, to provide for the necessary preparations and response of the City sufficient to address COVID-19.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED AND DECLARED by Mayor Bill Ganz that a State of Local Emergency exists throughout the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, March 13, 2020. The State of Local Emergency shall remain in effect no longer than 7:59 a.m. on Friday, March 20, 2020, unless otherwise extended by the City Commission.

ORDERED at 8:00 A.M. this 13th day of March, 2020.

Bill Ganz

BILL GANZ, MAYOR

ATTEST:



Samantha Gillyard

SAMANTHA GILLYARD, CITY CLERK