

RESOLUTION 2020-52

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ST. PETE BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AND CONFIRMING THE DECLARATION PROCLAIMING A STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE OF THE COMMUNITY AND PROPERTY, BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE, FROM THE HAZARDS OF THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19).

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 has the potential for causing a serious public health risk to the citizens and visitors of the City of St. Pete Beach; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Florida Governor, Ron DeSantis issued executive order 20-52 ("Emergency Management COVID-19 Public Health Emergency"), followed by numerous additional Executive Orders (collectively "Executive Orders") allowing in part for the suspension of formalities and procedures of political subdivisions of the state articulated under Chapter 252.38, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Pinellas County commissioners unanimously approved a local state of emergency, followed by additional approvals ("County Declarations"), that delegates authority to the county administrator, allowing him to take measures to keep residents safe and help mitigate and contain the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 252.38, Florida Statutes, and Article II, Sec. 34-38 of the City of St. Pete Beach Code of Ordinances authorized the proclamation declaring a state of local emergency which was initially executed by Mayor Alan Johnson on March 16, 2020, and thereafter has been renewed in seven (7) day increments in accordance with state law (Exhibit "A"); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Chapter 252.38, Florida Statutes, and Article II, Sec. 34-38 of the City of St. Pete Beach Code of Ordinances, the City Commission desires to renew its confirmation of the Mayor's proclamation dated October 6, 2020 (Exhibit "B") declaring a state of local emergency, which shall remain in effect for seven (7) days from the date of the proclamation; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission desires to authorize the City Manager, through this resolution confirming the Mayor's renewed proclamation, to take any and all legal, appropriate and reasonable measures, described in more detail below, to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens, city employees and visitors of the City of St. Pete Beach, Florida to help mitigate and contain the spread of COVID-19.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Commission of the City of St. Pete Beach, that:

Section One: The above recitals and attached exhibits are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

Section Two: COVID-19 poses a serious threat to the residents of the City of St. Pete Beach and the Mayor's renewed proclamation declaring a State of Local Emergency executed on October 6, 2020 is necessary and is hereby confirmed and shall be in effect for all territory within the corporate boundaries of the City of St. Pete Beach for seven (7) days in accordance with state law and the City's code of ordinances.

Section Three: The City Commission authorizes the City Manager of the City of St. Pete Beach to take any and all legal, appropriate and reasonable measures ("Emergency Measures") to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens, city employees and visitors of the City of St. Pete Beach, Florida to help mitigate and contain the spread of COVID-19, including but not limited to the actions listed in

- a) Sec. 34-38, St. Pete Beach Code of Ordinance;
- b) 252.38, Florida Statute; and
- c) Resolution 2020-13, as amended.

Section Four: Such Emergency Measures entrusted to the City Manager include the duties and responsibilities required of him by the City's charter, code, and other laws, policies, rules, and regulations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the enforcement of the provisions of this Resolution and the associated proclamation shall be in effect until terminated or expiration in accordance with State law.

Passed this 6th day of October 2020 by the City Commission of the City of St. Pete Beach, Florida.



Alan Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Amber LaRowe, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CORRECTNESS:



Andrew Dickman, City Attorney