CITY OF PARKLAND, FLORIDA

EMERGENCY ORDER AND NO. 2020-02

SHELTER IN PLACE

MARCH 25, 2020

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

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the spread of COVID-19 to be a global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Mayor issued Executive declaring a State of Local Emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the White House issued guidelines recommending the avoidance of gatherings of 10 people or more; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-68, setting forth, among other things, certain requirements for bars, pubs, nightclubs and restaurants and supporting the closure of beaches at the discretion of local authorities and issuance of; and

WHEREAS, subsequently, the Governor has issued numerous Executive Orders relating to public behavior in view of the COVID-19 pandemic as well as governing the operation of certain non-essential businesses in Broward County (all orders of the Governor issued to date are collectively referred to as the Governor’s Orders); and

WHEREAS, on March 22, 2020, the Broward County Administrator issued Administrator’s Order No. 2020-01 relating to non-essential businesses, which was modified on March 23, 2020 by Order No. 2020-02; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, the City Commission adopted a Resolution extending the State of Local Emergency in the City through April 20, 2020; and

WHEREAS, to reduce the spread of COVID-19, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") and the Florida State Department of Health recommend implementation of community mitigation strategies to increase containment of the virus, including cancellation of large gatherings and social distancing of at least six (6) feet between persons in smaller gatherings; and
WHEREAS, since the outbreak of COVID-19 numerous local governments and states have ordered its populace to shelter in place or stay at home. These orders are designed to protect the health and well-being of residents, to create social distancing, and to minimize the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, of today, the spread of COVID-19 has not been contained and remains a threat to the public health, safety and welfare. To limit the potential community spread of COVID-19 the City wishes to request residents shelter in place and offer guidance and direction to its residents with respect to social distancing and other gatherings as part of its community mitigation strategy and to impose certain restrictions to that end; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 252.46, Florida Statutes and Chapter 20-101 of the City Code, and the Governor’s Orders, the City Manager has the power to issue emergency orders with the force of law; and

WHEREAS, subject only to the exceptions outlined in Section 1 below, all persons living within the City of Parkland are hereby ordered to shelter at home, or on the real property upon which their home is located (Shelter In Place).

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nancy Morando, as City Manager, pursuant to my emergency authority under Section 2-101 of the City Code, the Declaration of Emergency issued by the Governor, Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, the State of Local Emergency extended by the City Commission, and by the City Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan, declare:

Section 1. Subject to the exceptions below, residents of Parkland are ordered to Shelter In Place. The following activities are permitted as part of this Shelter In Place order:

a) Essential Businesses. Residents and visitors may engage in travel to and from Essential Businesses as identified in Broward County Administrator’s Emergency Order 2020-01 and 2020-02 (attached hereto as Exhibit “A”) as may be amended or extended.

b) Emergency Assistance. Residents and visitors may engage in travel and similar activities to obtain assistance from law enforcement, fire-rescue, or other emergency services.

c) Personal Support Activities. Residents and visitors may travel to and from their homes to care for or support a family member or other person needing assistance as a result of the emergency conditions.

d) Work in Support of Essential Businesses. Residents and visitors in the City may continue to perform work for and in support of businesses authorized to be open to the public, or otherwise permitted to operate, in accordance with Broward County Administrator’s Emergency Order 2020-01 and 2020-02, any local government, the State government, or the Federal government.

e) Outdoor Recreational Activities. In areas not otherwise closed by a separate Emergency Order 2020-01 of the City of Parkland, residents may engage in outdoor activity and recreation with immediate family members, caretakers, or household
members while staying at least six (6) feet apart from another person or group of people.

f) Religious Activities. Residents and visitors may travel to and from religious institutions and places of worship, subject to CDC, White House, and Florida State Department of Health requirements, that religious institutions and places of worship reduce their occupancy to no more than 10 persons, and maintain a distance separation of at least six feet, as set forth in the City's Emergency Orders, to promote social distancing.

Section 2. A person in any public space or building open to the public shall:

a) Practice social distancing by staying at least six (6) feet away whenever practicable from another person, excluding immediate family members, caretakers or, household members; and
b) Cover all coughs and sneezes with their elbow or tissue; and

c) Not shake hands; and

d) Not enter any public place if the person or anyone in the person’s household exhibits any flu or COVID-19 like symptoms and/or has a fever over 99.9 degrees Fahrenheit unless that person is traveling to or from a hospital, doctor’s office, urgent care, walk-in clinic, or pharmacy; and

e) If a person is exhibiting flu or COVID-19 like symptoms or has a fever over 99.9 degrees Fahrenheit and is seeking medical treatment, the person shall first contact their medical provider by phone before appearing at the medical provider’s office; and

f) If a person is exhibiting flu or COVID-19 like symptoms or has a fever over 99.9 degrees Fahrenheit and requires a prescription or a refill thereof and the pharmacy has a delivery service, that person shall utilize the delivery service to receive their medication; and

Section 3. Pursuant to City of Parkland Emergency Order No. 2020-02, the City adopted Broward County Emergency Orders 20-01 and 20-02 requiring closing of all non-essential businesses. Any businesses exempted from closing from the public under Broward County Emergency Order 20-01 and 20-02, shall take the following social distancing measures, in addition to any other measure required by law or Emergency Order, including by the City, Broward County, the State of Florida, or the President of the United States.

a) All Essential Businesses not exempted from closure shall, to the extent practicable, take every effort to:
   1. Provide disinfectant wipes or their equivalent for shopping carts and baskets or disinfect shopping carts and baskets after each use;
   2. Disinfect hourly, at a minimum all check out areas, including but not limited to, conveyor belts, cash registers, and credit card areas;
   3. Disinfect after close or before opening all areas of the store that customers may touch or come into contact;
   4. Require employees or independent contractors present to wash and/or disinfect their hands at least once per hour;

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5. Clean and disinfect any pen or stylus used to sign receipts after each customer or waive the need to sign a receipt;
6. Ensure that no more than 10 people, including staff, are gathered in any particular area of the Essential Business;
7. Ensure that customers at checkout are separated by at least six feet;
8. Disinfect all door handles used by the general public at least hourly during business hours.

b) All Essential Businesses that utilize a waiting room shall take, to the extent practicable, the following social distancing measures in addition to any other measure required by Law or Emergency Order:
1. No person shall be seated within six feet of another person, however, groups of people that arrive with each other may be seated next to each other;
2. All seats used by a person shall be disinfected after each use;
3. All door handles used by the general public shall be disinfected at least hourly during business hours;
4. No person exhibiting flu or COVID-19 like symptoms shall be permitted to wait in any customer waiting area, however, nothing prohibits any medical provider from allowing a patient through a waiting area to a treatment room so long as no other patients or visitors are within six feet of the patient exhibiting flu or COVID-19 like symptoms; and
5. An open air waiting area shall be made available for patients and customers.

c) All Essential Businesses shall, to the extent practicable:
1. Prohibit any employee and/or independent contractor from entering the place of business if the employee and/or independent contractor has a fever that exceeds 99.9 degrees Fahrenheit;
2. Prohibit any employee and/or independent contractor from entering the place of business if the employee and/or independent contractor is exhibiting flu like or COVID-19 like symptoms;
3. If practicable use best efforts to ensure that employees and/or independent contractors have a six feet separation between the next closest person;
4. Not allow more than 25% of their approved maximum capacity into any location;
5. Require that any person that must wait outside of a business to enter into that business be spaced at a minimum of six feet from the next closest person provided that groups that arrive together may be closer than the six foot distance requirement.

Section 4. All public and private gatherings of any number of people occurring outside a residence (or the property upon which the residence is located) are prohibited except for gatherings between family members, caretakers, or household members provided such gathering does not exceed ten (10) people.

Section 5. All Government Employees and Emergency Personnel including first responders, gang and crisis intervention workers, public health workers, emergency management personnel, emergency dispatchers, law enforcement personnel and related contractors, persons working for emergency service providers, and government employees performing work in the course and scope of their employment are categorically exempt from this Order.
Section 6. This Order is in addition to, and supplements, the City’s Emergency Orders. All requirements of City Emergency Orders, County Emergency Orders, and Governor’s Orders shall be strictly adhered to at all times.

Section 7. This Emergency Order is effective as of 12:01 a.m. on March 26, 2020 and shall remain in full force and effect until terminated. This order is enforceable by the Broward County Sheriff’s Office.

ORDERED at 6:00 p.m. on this 25th day of March 2020.

ATTEST:

Sowande Johnson, Assistant City Manager

Nancy Morando, City Manager