



**UPDATED LOCAL DECLARATION OF PUBLIC EMERGENCY
TOWN OF LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA, 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, 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, on March 9, 2020, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-52, declaring a state of emergency for the State of Florida for sixty days unless extended, and 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; and
- appropriation and expenditure of public funds; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Mayor declared a public emergency in the Town for seven days unless earlier terminated; 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, the Governor issued Executive Order 20-68, requiring that all licensees authorized to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on premises that derive more than 50% of its gross revenue from the sale of alcoholic beverages suspend all sale of alcoholic beverages for 30 days from March 17, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 20-68 directs parties accessing public beaches to follow CDC guidelines by limiting their gathering to no more than 10 people and distance themselves from other parties by 6 feet, and supports the closure of beaches by local municipalities; and

WHEREAS, additionally, Executive Order 20-68 ordered that all restaurants limit occupancy to 50% of their current building occupancy and follow the CDC guidelines ensuring, at a minimum, a 6-foot distance between any group of patrons and limiting parties to no more than 10 individuals; and

WHEREAS, Section 5.2 of the Town Charter authorizes the Mayor to govern during times of grave public danger or emergency.

NOW THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA, FLORIDA, HEREBY PROCLAIM AND DECLARE:

SECTION 1. All public beaches in the Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, from the Atlantic Ocean to the easternmost sidewalk of A1A or to any right-of-way or property line abutting the beach, are closed.

SECTION 2. All licensees authorized to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on premises that derive more than 50% of its gross revenue from the sale of alcoholic beverages, shall close.

SECTION 3. All restaurants, cafeterias, and other food service establishments are mandated to cease all on-premises service. However, such establishments may continue to operate their kitchens for drive-thru, delivery, take-out, and exterior pick-up food services.

SECTION 4. This Declaration shall be in effect for as long as the State of Florida state of emergency is in effect, unless this Declaration is earlier terminated.

SECTION 5. This Declaration authorizes the taking of whatever prudent action is necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the community, and requires that such actions shall be reported to and are subject to ratification at the next meeting of the Town Commission.

SECTION 6. This Declaration shall be filed promptly with the Town Clerk and shall be given prompt and general publicity.

SECTION 7. Section 3 of this Declaration shall take effect at 10:00 pm on March 18, 2020. The remainder of this Declaration shall take effect immediately.

SO DECLARED AND ORDERED THIS 18th DAY OF MARCH 2020.



Mayor Chris Vincent
Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea

ATTEST:



Tedra Allen, Town Clerk