



CITY OF TAMPA

— OFFICE OF THE MAYOR —

Jane Castor, Mayor

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020 - 01

WHEREAS, a State of Emergency for the State of Florida was proclaimed by Governor Ron DeSantis on March 1, 2020, and pursuant to Executive Order Number 20-51 a State of Emergency was extended to include all sixty-seven (67) counties including Hillsborough County and the City of Tampa due to Corona virus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19” or “Coronavirus”); and

WHEREAS, Section 2-402 of the City of Tampa Code of Ordinances provides that a state of local emergency shall be declared by executive order of the Mayor if the Mayor finds that an emergency, as defined in Section 252.34, *Florida Statutes*, has occurred in the City of Tampa, or the threat thereof is imminent; and

WHEREAS, Coronavirus (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 the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a Public Health Emergency of International Concern; and

WHEREAS, in response to the recent COVID-19 outbreaks in China, Iran, Italy and South Korea, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) has deemed it necessary to prohibit or restrict non-essential travel to or from those countries and in response to the recent COVID-19 outbreak in Japan, the CDC has advised older travelers and those with chronic medical conditions to avoid nonessential travel and all travelers to exercise enhanced precautions; and

WHEREAS, the CDC currently recommends community preparedness and everyday prevention measures be taken by all individuals and families in the United States, including voluntary home isolation when individuals are sick with respiratory symptoms, covering coughs and sneezes with a tissue and disposal of the tissue immediately thereafter, washing hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, use of alcohol-based hand sanitizers

with 60%-95% alcohol if soap and water are not readily available, and routinely cleaning frequently touched surfaces and objects to increase community resilience and readiness for responding to an outbreak; and

WHEREAS, several individuals in the State of Florida tested presumptively positive for COVID-19, including residents of Manatee County, Hillsborough County, and the City of Tampa; and

WHEREAS, the CDC currently recommends mitigation measures in communities with COVID-19 cases, including staying at home when sick, keeping away from others who are sick, and staying at home when a household member is sick with respiratory disease symptoms or if instructed to do so by public health officials or a health care provider; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and appropriate to take action to ensure that COVID-19 remains controlled and that residents and visitors in Florida remain safe and secure;

WHEREAS, in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens and visitors of the City of Tampa, the Mayor of the City of Tampa hereby declares that Coronavirus and/or the imminent threat of the spread of Coronavirus may cause substantial injury and harm to the population and constitutes an emergency as defined in Section 252.34, *Florida Statutes*.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa by Sections 2-402 and 2-403 of the City of Tampa Code of Ordinances, the Charter of the City of Tampa, and the Laws of the State of Florida, I hereby declare a state of emergency exists as of the date set forth below in connection with Coronavirus, and hereby prescribe and promulgate the following:

1. That all citizens and visitors within the City of Tampa are directed to shall follow the precautions, guidelines and orders issued by the CDC, the State Health Officer, and the Director of Florida Department of Health - Hillsborough County in establishing protocols to control the spread of Coronavirus for the preservation of life or other emergency mitigation, response, or recovery.
2. That for the duration of this Order the procedures and formalities otherwise required of the City by law or ordinance are waived for all matters: pertaining to performance 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.
3. That certain restrictions contained in Section 2-404 of the City of Tampa Code of Ordinances, which are listed on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, are imposed for the duration of the emergency.

4. That, to the extent necessary, physicians, nurses, ambulance operators performing medical services, on-duty employees in hospitals and other medical facilities, on-duty military personnel, personnel of public utilities maintaining essential public services, city authorized or requested firemen, law enforcement officers and personnel and such other classes of persons as may be essential to the preservation of public order or necessary to serve the safety, health and welfare of the citizens of the City of Tampa during this emergency are exempted from the restrictions contained in Section 2-404 of the City of Tampa Code.
5. That this Executive Order shall take effect immediately and shall terminate seven (7) days after the date hereof unless suspended by subsequent executive order or extended as necessary in seven (7) day increments by additional executive orders issued by the Mayor.

DONE and ORDERED this 12 day of March 2020.


Jane Castor, Mayor

PREPARED AND APPROVED BY:


Gina K. Grimes, City Attorney

EXHIBIT A

During the existence of the subject state of local emergency, the following restrictions set forth in Section 2-404(a), City of Tampa Code are hereby imposed:

§2-404(a)(2) - Prohibit or regulate any special event, demonstration, parade, march, vigil or participation therein from taking place on any of the public rights-of-way or upon any public property; and

§2-404(a)(7) Prohibit state and/or local business licensees, vendors, merchants and any person operating a retail business from charging more than the normal average price for any goods, materials or services sold during a declared state of local emergency, except that the normal average price for any merchandise may be increased, but only to the degree that the maximum increase in retail price shall be a percentage less than or equal to the amount representative of the average mark-up percent between wholesale and average retail price for any merchandise during the thirty-day period immediately preceding the declared state of local emergency. The normal average price as used herein is defined to be that price at which similar merchandise, or services, has been sold during the thirty (30) days immediately preceding the declaration of a state of local emergency.