

ORDER NO. 2020-05

**A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR
EXTENDING THE STATE OF LOCAL
EMERGENCY DECLARED FOR THE
PURPOSE OF RESPONDING TO
COVID-19 THROUGH MARCH 26, 2020.**

THE FOLLOWING PROCLAMATION is hereby made by Rick Kriseman, in his capacity as Mayor of the City of St. Petersburg, Florida (the “City”):

1. **FINDINGS:** I hereby make the following findings in support of this proclamation:
 - (a) 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.
 - (b) On March 9, 2020, pursuant to executive order 20-52, the Governor of the state of Florida declared a state of emergency throughout the state for the purpose of responding to COVID-19. That statewide emergency remains in effect at this time.
 - (c) On March 12, 2020, pursuant to Florida Statutes section 252.38 and St. Petersburg City Code chapter 2, article VIII, division 2 (collectively, the “Emergency Code”), I issued executive order 2020-01 which contained a proclamation declaring a state of local emergency in the City (the “Emergency”) for the purpose of responding to COVID-19.
 - (d) As of March 19, 2020, at 9:00 PM, there were 328 cases of COVID-19 reported in the state of Florida and 12 cases reported in Pinellas County, Florida. Those numbers are expected to rise as access to testing expands throughout the state.
 - (e) Accordingly, COVID-19 continues to pose an immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare of the City that requires emergency action, and the Emergency should be extended for an additional seven days pursuant to the Florida Statutes and the Emergency Code.
 - (f) This proclamation is made in consideration of these findings, and the procedure used to make this proclamation is fair under the circumstances.

2. **EXTENSION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY:** Pursuant to Florida Statutes section 252.38(3)(a)5. and City Code section 2-425(c), I hereby extend the Emergency for an additional seven-day period, to run through March 26, 2020 at 5:00 PM, unless terminated or extended in accordance with applicable law.

This proclamation will have full force and effect of law when filed with the City Clerk.

Sign: 
Rick Kriseman, Mayor



Filed with the City Clerk:
Sign: 
Name: Chan Srinivasa
Title: City Clerk
Date: 3/19/20
Time: 2:56 P.M.