

**CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA  
ORDER NO. 2020-06**

**A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR EXTENDING THE STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY DECLARED FOR THE PURPOSE OF RESPONDING TO COVID-19 THROUGH APRIL 2, 2020.**

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

**SECTION 1—FINDINGS:** I hereby make the following findings:

- (a) According to the Centers for Disease Control (the “CDC”), 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 containing a proclamation declaring a state of local emergency in the City for the purpose of responding to COVID-19. That state of local emergency was extended for an additional seven days by subsequent proclamation (City EO 2020-05), and it remains in effect at this time (collectively, the “Emergency”).
- (d) The Florida Department of Health issues regular reports on the status of COVID-19 throughout the state, including a Data and Surveillance Dashboard that is updated twice daily with information on a state-wide and per-county basis. According to this dashboard, as of March 26, 2020, at approximately 11:00 AM, the state had 2,355 cases and 28 deaths, and Pinellas County had 58 cases and 1 death.
- (e) The Florida Department of Health also issues a daily report with information about COVID-19 cases on a per-city basis. According to this report, of March 25, 2020, at 5:00 PM, St. Petersburg had 11 cases.
- (f) Based on those reports from the Florida Department of Health and the guidance of other public health officials, it is expected that the number COVID-19 cases and deaths in the

Tampa Bay area will continue to rise and there is a potential for widespread outbreak in the City.

- (g) To respond to the immediate danger to the public health, safety, and welfare of the City posed by COVID-19, I have taken a variety of emergency actions authorized by the Florida Statutes and the Emergency Code. These actions include a prohibition on price-gouging, waiver of certain administrative procedures and formalities, and various measures to implement social-distancing guidance from the CDC.
- (h) COVID-19 continues to pose an immediate danger to the public health, safety, and welfare of the City, and emergency action to prevent a widespread outbreak of COVID-19 remains necessary to protect the public interest. Accordingly, the Emergency should be extended for an additional seven days pursuant to the Florida Statutes and the Emergency Code.
- (i) This proclamation is made in consideration of these findings, and the procedure used to make this proclamation is fair under the circumstances.

**SECTION 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 April 2, 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: March 26, 2020  
Time: 4:12 P.M.