

CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA
ORDER NO. 2020- 18

A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR EXTENDING THE STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY DECLARED FOR THE PURPOSE OF RESPONDING TO COVID-19 THROUGH MAY 21, 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 13, 2020, the Pinellas County Board of Commissioners (“BCC”) adopted resolution 20-16 to declare a seven-day state of emergency in Pinellas County, Florida, (the “County”) for the purpose of responding to COVID-19. That countywide state of emergency has been extended in seven-day increments by subsequent resolutions, and it remains in effect at this time.
- (d) 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 seven-day state of local emergency in the City for the purpose of responding to COVID-19. That state of local emergency for the City has been extended for an additional seven days by subsequent proclamations (most recently in Mayor’s executive order 2020-17), and it remains in effect at this time (collectively, the “Emergency”).
- (e) 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 during the Emergency. These actions include enacting a prohibition on price-gouging, waiving certain administrative procedures and formalities,

enacting various measures to implement social-distancing guidance from the CDC, and waiving certain requirements concerning quorum and location for meetings of City government.

- (f) 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 daily with information on a state-wide and per-county basis. According to this dashboard, as of May 14, 2020, at approximately 11:00 AM, the state had 43,210 cases (regardless of residency) and 1,875 deaths of Florida residents, and Pinellas County had 962 cases and 65 deaths.
- (g) 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, as of May 14, 2020, at 10:00 AM, St. Petersburg had 332 cases.
- (h) Additionally, the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation at the University of Washington (“IHME”) has established models to predict the effects of COVID-19 throughout various geographic areas, including a specific model for the state of Florida. According to this model, as of May 14, 2020, infections and deaths due to COVID-19 could spike dramatically if social-distancing and other preventative measures are relaxed prematurely.
- (i) Taken together, the current statistics from the Florida Department of Health and the current IHME model indicate that the City remains at risk for a widespread outbreak of COVID-19.
- (j) Accordingly, COVID-19 continues to pose an immediate danger to the public health, safety, and welfare of the City, and it remains necessary to protect the public interest to continue the emergency actions currently in effect and to maintain the authority to take additional emergency actions. Accordingly, the Emergency should be extended for an additional seven days pursuant to the Florida Statutes and the Emergency Code.
- (k) 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 May 21, 2020 at 5:00 PM, unless terminated or extended in accordance with applicable law.


[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

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: May 14, 2020
Time: 4:31 P.M.