

**CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2020-37**

A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR EXTENDING THE STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY DECLARED FOR THE PURPOSE OF RESPONDING TO COVID-19 THROUGH AUGUST 27, 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 in support of the extension of the state of local emergency proclaimed by this order:

- (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 has been extended by subsequent order of the Governor (specifically, executive order 20-166), and it 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 (with respect to the division, 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 consecutive seven-day periods by subsequent proclamations (most recently in Mayor’s executive order 2020-36), 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 (including sections 252.32, 252.38, and 252.46) and the Emergency Code during the Emergency. These actions include enacting a prohibition on price-gouging, waiving certain administrative procedures and formalities, waiving certain requirements concerning quorum and location for meetings of City government, and requiring businesses to engage in COVID-19 mitigation planning.

- (f) The Florida Department of Health (“DOH”) 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 the data available on this dashboard, as of August 20, 2020, at approximately 11:00 AM, there have been, in the state as a whole, a total of 588,602 cases (regardless of residency), 10,049 deaths of Florida residents, and 137 non-resident deaths. This data also indicates that Pinellas County has experienced a total of 19,087 cases and 587 deaths.
- (g) The DOH dashboard also provides data related to two of the three key metrics established by the Governor as part of his “Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. plan to re-open Florida.” These are the “Syndromic Surveillance” metric (with respect to both influenza-like illnesses and COVID-19-like illnesses) and the “Epidemiology & Outbreak Decline” metric (with respect to both documented COVID-19 cases and the trajectory of positive tests as a percent of total tests). Taken together, the August 20, 2020 data for these metrics indicate that face-covering requirements and other emergency actions taken in late June by the City and County are limiting community spread of COVID-19 in Pinellas County and should be continued.
- (h) DOH also issues a daily report with information about COVID-19 cases on a per-city basis, based on ZIP code. According to this report, as of August 19, 2020, there have been a total of 7,787 cases of Florida residents with a St. Petersburg ZIP code.
- (i) Taken together, the data from the Florida Department of Health cited above and guidance from various public health officials indicate that current mitigation measures remain necessary to limit the community spread of COVID-19 in the City and prevent a widespread outbreak of COVID-19 that could cause unprecedented sickness and death in the City that overwhelms critical and limited healthcare capacity and that could cause unprecedented economic damage within the City.
- (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 August 27, 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: 
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Title: City Clerk
Date: 8/20/20
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