



**LOCAL DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY  
CITY OF LIGHTHOUSE POINT, FLORIDA  
MAYOR GLENN TROAST**

**ORDER 20-03  
SAFER AT HOME ORDER**

**WHEREAS**, 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; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 2, 2020, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-51, directing the Florida Department of Health to issue a Public Health Emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 9, 2020, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-52, declaring a state of emergency for the State of Florida for sixty days unless extended; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 16, 2020, the White House issued guidelines recommending the avoidance of gatherings of 10 people or more; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 17, 2020, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-68, which, among other things, ordered the closure of all bars and nightclubs; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 20, 2020, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-70, which among other things, ordered restaurants and/or food service business establishments with seating for more than ten (10) people within the incorporated and unincorporated areas of Broward County and Palm Beach County to close on-premises service of customers; and

**WHEREAS**, at 3:00 p.m. on March 20, 2020, pursuant to the authority of State Emergency Management Act, Sections 252.18-252.60, Florida Statutes, and Section 2-34 of the City of Lighthouse Point Code of Ordinances, I declared a local state of emergency within the City, through "Local Declaration of Emergency (Amended)," herein after referred to as "Local Declaration of Emergency"; and

**WHEREAS**, subsequent to my issuance of my Local Declaration of Emergency, on March 20, 2020, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-71, which closed on-premises service to customers at all restaurants and/or food establishments throughout the entire State of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 22, 2020, Broward County issued Broward County Administrator's Order 20-01, amended on March 23, 2020, by Broward County Administrator's Order 20-02, which ordered all nonessential businesses in Broward County to close, and identified all categories of businesses considered "essential" under the County Orders; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 26, 2020, I issued Lighthouse Point Emergency Order 20-02 to address matters related to the health, safety and welfare of the community as a result of the additional Governor Executive Orders and County Orders issued subsequent to the March 20, 2020, Local Declaration of Emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, later, on March 26, 2020, Broward County issued Emergency Order 20-03, in which Broward County urged residents to shelter in place, and amended its previous Emergency Orders 20-01 and 20-02 relating to “Essential Businesses” (County Order 20-03, along with County Orders 20-01 and 20-02, shall be collectively referred to herein as the “County Orders”); and

**WHEREAS**, the municipalities of Broward County, in an effort to provide for consistency in emergency measures within Broward County, have collaborated and coordinated for the issuance of Safer at Home Orders by the individual municipalities, and representatives of those municipalities have agreed on a unified approach for the entry of such orders, including the terms of the Orders; and

**WHEREAS**, given the actions of the municipalities in Broward County to issue Safer at Home Orders throughout the County in an effort for consistency across municipal boundaries, I believe it is in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the City and its residents to issue this Safer at Home Order.

**NOW THEREFORE, I, GLENN TROAST, THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LIGHTHOUSE POINT, FLORIDA, HEREBY PROCLAIM AND DECLARE:**

**SECTION 1.** This Order is issued pursuant to the authority of State Emergency Management Act, Sections 252.18-252.60, Florida Statutes, and Section 2-34 of the City of Lighthouse Point Code of Ordinances.

**SECTION 2.** This Order supplements the Local Declaration of Emergency issued on March 20, 2020, and Order 20-02 issued on March 26, 2020. In the event of a conflict between this Order and either the Local Declaration of Emergency or the March 26, 2020, this Order shall prevail. Other than as amended, modified and supplemented herein, the Local Declaration of Emergency remains in full force and effect.

**SECTION 3.** Each resident of the City is hereby ordered to stay home and within the entirety of their owned or rented property. The order to stay at home does not require residents to confine themselves to the interior of their homes. Residents may make use of all exterior portions of their homes such as patios, porches, yards, and driveways. Residents may also leave their place of residence and travel to another place in accordance with Section 5, below.

**SECTION 4.** Unless a person has a Permissible Use as provided for in Section 5, below, no person shall travel or be on or upon any public right of way, including but not limited to, streets, waterways, canals, or sidewalks, within the boundaries of the City of the Lighthouse Point.

**SECTION 5. Permissible Use.** Notwithstanding Section 3 and 4, all residents and visitors in the City may lawfully engage in the following activities:

- (1) **Essential Businesses.** Residents and visitors may engage in travel to Essential Businesses as defined in the County Orders, and provide Minimum Basic Operations, as defined in the County Orders, to non-essential businesses.

I note that Essential Businesses include grocery stores, hardware stores, gas stations and similar locations that sell provisions and supplies for households and businesses. Thus, it is not necessary for residents to change their current habits for shopping for their home needs.

For clarity, businesses may also continue operations consisting exclusively of employees or contractors performing activities at their own residences (i.e., working from home). All Essential Businesses are strongly encouraged to remain open.

- (2) **Emergency Assistance.** Residents and visitors may engage in travel and similar activities to obtain assistance from law enforcement, fire-rescue, or other emergency services.
- (3) **Personal Support Activities.** Residents and visitors may travel to and from their homes to care for or support a friend, companion, family member, pet or livestock, support groups, or a vulnerable person.
- (4) **Work in Support of Essential Businesses.** Residents and visitors in the City may continue to perform work for and in support of businesses authorized to be open to the public in accordance with Broward County Emergency Order 20-01, 20-02, and 20-03, and any local government, the State government, or the Federal government.
- (5) **Outdoor Recreational Activities.** In areas not otherwise closed by a separate Emergency or Executive Order, residents may engage in outdoor activity and recreation while staying six (6) feet apart from another person or group of people, and so as long as residents are in compliance with size of public gatherings as defined in Section 9 below.
- (6) **Religious Activities.** Residents and visitors may travel to and from places of worship. Places of worship must comply with Social Distancing Requirements as defined in Section 6 below, to the greatest extent feasible and the size of public gatherings as defined in Section 9 below. Places of worship are encouraged to livestream their services in lieu of in-person gatherings.
- (7) **Government Employees and Emergency Personnel.** All first responders, gang and crisis intervention workers, public health workers, emergency management personnel, emergency dispatchers, law enforcement personnel and related contractors, persons working for emergency service providers, and government employees performing work in the course and scope of their employment are categorically exempt from this Order.
- (8) **Public Transit.** Public transit may be used for the above listed activities. People riding on public transit must comply with Social Distancing Requirements as defined in Section 6 below, to the greatest extent feasible.

**SECTION 6. Social Distancing Requirements.** A person in a public space shall:

- (1) Practice social distancing by staying at least 6 feet away whenever practicable from another person, excluding immediate family members, caretakers or, household members;
- (2) Cover all coughs and sneezes with their elbow or tissue;
- (3) Not shake hands;

- (4) Not enter any public place if the person exhibits any flu or COVID-19 like symptoms and/or has a fever over 99.9 degrees Fahrenheit unless that person is traveling to or from a hospital, doctor's office, urgent care, walk-in clinic, or pharmacy;
- (5) If a person is exhibiting flu or COVID-19 like symptoms or has a fever over 99.9 degrees Fahrenheit and is seeking medical treatment, the person shall first contact their medical provider by phone before appearing at the medical provider's office; and
- (6) If a person is exhibiting flu or COVID-19 like symptoms or has a fever over 99.9 degrees Fahrenheit and requires a prescription or a refill thereof and the pharmacy has a drive-thru window and/or delivery service, that person shall utilize the drive-thru window and/or delivery service to receive their medication.

**SECTION 7. Essential Businesses Employee Screening.** For those businesses deemed to be an Essential Business, as set forth above, these facilities shall implement employee screening and prohibit any employee from entering the premises if they affirmatively answer any of the below questions, as recommended by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):

- (1) Have you returned from international travel (anywhere outside the United States) or been on a cruise within the last 14 days?
- (2) Have you been in contact with anyone who has returned from international travel or been on a cruise within the last 14 days?
- (3) Have you been in any gathering of 50 people or more in the last 14 days?
- (4) Have you traveled through any airport within the past 14 days?
- (5) Have you traveled to any area known to have high numbers of positive cases of COVID-19, including but not limited to California, Washington, New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, or Washington D.C. within the past 14 days?
- (6) Have you experienced signs or symptoms of COVID-19, such as fever over 99.9 degrees Fahrenheit, cough or shortness of breath?

**SECTION 8. Essential Businesses Cleaning Protocols.** For those businesses deemed to be an Essential Business, as set forth above, these facilities must make every effort to:

- (1) Provide disinfectant wipes or equivalent for shopping carts and baskets or disinfect shopping carts and baskets after each use.
- (2) Disinfect hourly, at a minimum all check out areas, including but not limited to, conveyor belts, cash registers, and credit card areas.
- (3) Disinfect after closing or before opening all areas of the business that customers may touch or come into contact.
- (4) Require employees or independent contractors present to wash and/or disinfect their hands at least once per hour.
- (5) Clean and disinfect any pen, stylus or screen used to sign receipts after each customer or waive the need to sign a receipt.
- (6) Ensure that no more than 10 people, including staff, are gathered in any particular area of the Essential Business.
- (7) Ensure that customers at checkout are separated by at least 6 feet.
- (8) Disinfect all door handles used by the general public at least hourly during business hours.

- (9) Essential Businesses with waiting rooms must ensure that no person shall be seated within 6 feet of another person and all seats must be disinfected after each use.
- (10) Do not allow more than 25% of their approved maximum capacity into any location.

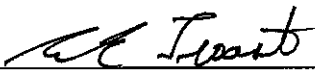
**SECTION 9. Limit on Gatherings.** All gatherings must comply with CDC limitations as to the number of persons at a gathering, which as of the date of this order is no more than ten (10) persons in a gathering (should the CDC modify this number, then this Order shall be automatically amended to reflect that revised CDC number). Any gathering in excess of the CDC recommended limit of people shall be prohibited except for those identified in Section 5 above. Social Distancing Requirements must be observed.

**SECTION 10. Exceptions for Utilities and Government Personnel.** Nothing in this Order shall be construed to limit or restrict movement or use of the public rights of way for use by other local governments, the state government, and federal government or their employees, and utility providers and contractors while engaged in their duties.

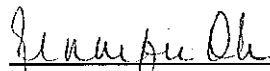
**SECTION 11. Enforcement.** This Order may be enforced by City law enforcement personnel through issuance of Notices to Appear or arrest, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, and other applicable state, County and City laws, rules and regulations, or through the issuance of Code Violations and Notices of Violation pursuant to applicable provisions of Florida law, Chapter 162, Florida Statutes, and City Code.

**SECTION 12. Effective Date.** This Emergency Order is effective as of 12:01 a.m. on March 28, 2020 and shall remain in full force and effect until terminated.

**SO DECLARED AND ORDERED THIS 27<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2020.**

  
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Mayor Glenn Troast  
City of Lighthouse Point, Florida  
Date: March 27, 2020  
Amended Time: 3:44 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

  
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Jennifer Oh, City Clerk

CC: City Commission  
City Administrator  
Department Heads  
City Attorney

