

A DECLARATION OF THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE, FLORIDA, DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS (CORONAVIRUS A/K/A COVID-19)

WHEREAS, the City Manager has made the following determinations:

1. Chapter 98, City of Port St. Lucie Code of Ordinances, authorizes the City Manager to exercise certain emergency powers and authority during a local emergency.
2. On March 9, 2020, Florida Governor, Ron DeSantis, declared a state of emergency to better marshal resources and obtain assistance in combating the virus strain.
3. On March 13, 2020, the President of the United States of America declared a National State of Emergency.
4. On March 17, 2020, St. Lucie County declared a local state of emergency.
5. The public health crisis has placed the City of Port St. Lucie in a state of emergency, exposing the citizens thereof to danger of illness or death.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Chapter 98, City of Port St. Lucie Code of Ordinances, the City Manager hereby declares as follows:

- A. A state of emergency is hereby declared for the City of Port St. Lucie.
- B. Such declaration shall remain in full force and effect for seven (7) days unless extended in additional seven (7) day increments in accordance with Section 98.02, City of Port St. Lucie Code of Ordinances. The City Council, or the City Manager, maintains the authority to rescind the declaration.
- C. In consideration of the declaration of a state of emergency, the City Manager may impose a curfew pursuant to Section 98.08 of the City of Port St. Lucie Code of Ordinances.
- D. City facilities will remain open and operational for regular business until otherwise determined by the City Manager.

This declaration shall become effective immediately upon execution this 17th day of March, 2020 at 4:15pm.




Russ D. Blackburn, City Manager
City of Port St. Lucie