MAYORAL EXECUTIVE ORDER 02-2020

SAFER AT HOME ORDER

On March 19, 2020 a State of Emergency was declared in the City of Plantation relating to the Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 ("COVID-19").

Since the outbreak of COVID-19 numerous local governments and multiple states have adopted various versions of "stay at home" and "safer at home" orders. These orders are designed to protect the health and well-being of the community, to create social distancing, and to minimize contact in an effort to limit community spread of COVID-19.

As of today the City is aware of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the jurisdictional boundaries of the City of Plantation. To limit the potential community spread of COVID-19 it is now necessary for the City of Plantation to implement restrictions for the general health, safety, and welfare of the community.

Pursuant to Section 252.46, Florida Statutes and section 2-452 et. seq., of the City’s code of ordinances, the Mayor has the power to issue emergency orders with the force of law.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

Section 1. Each resident of the City of Plantation is ordered to shelter in place subject to the exceptions below.

Section 2. No person shall travel or be on or upon any public right of way, including but not limited to, streets, canals, or sidewalks, or lakes or bicycle paths, within the boundaries of the City of Plantation except as provided for in Section 3 below.

Section 3. Exceptions

Notwithstanding Sections 1 and 2, 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 and from Essential Businesses and non-essential businesses to provide Minimum Basic Operations as authorized in Broward County Administrator’s Emergency Order 20-01 ("Emergency Order 20-01") as may be amended or extended;

(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 family member.

(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 Emergency Order 20-01, 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 with immediate family members, caretakers, or household members while staying six (6) feet apart from another person or group of people. Groups of people engaging in authorized outdoor recreational activities are limited to ten (10).

(6) Religious Services. Residents and visitors may travel to and from places of worship as permitted under Emergency Order 20-01.
(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.

Section 4. Social Distancing Required. All persons in any public space shall:

(1) Practice social distancing by staying at least six (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 delivery service, that person shall utilize the delivery service to receive their medication.

Section 5. All public and private gatherings of any number of people occurring outside a residence are prohibited except for gatherings between family members, caretakers, or household members provided such gathering does not exceed ten (10) people.

Section 6. Nothing in this Order shall be construed to limit or restrict movement or use of the public rights of way by other local governments, the State government, and Federal government or their employees or agents while engaged in their official duties on behalf of the local governments, the State government, or Federal government.

Section 7. This Order is in addition to, and supplements, the City’s Emergency Order(s). All requirements of City Emergency Orders, County Emergency Orders, and State of Florida Executive Orders shall be strictly adhered to at all times.

Section 8. This Emergency Order is effective as of midnight on March 26, 2020 and shall remain in full force and effect until terminated.


Ordered by: Lynn Stoner, Mayor