

**EMERGENCY ORDER 04-2020**

**USE OF CLOTH MASKS BY RESIDENTS AND VISITORS**

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

COVID-19 is a global pandemic that spreads rapidly from person to person and may result in serious illness or death. COVID-19 is believed to spread by respiratory droplets that come from the mouth and nose. It is believed that people who are asymptomatic can still spread COVID-19 by breathing, talking, laughing, coughing, and sneezing. Recently the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) issued guidance that the general population should wear cloth face coverings to capture the respiratory droplets of asymptomatic people to slow the spread of COVID-19.

Pursuant to the City Charter, Section 252.46, *Florida Statutes*, Section 2-452 et. Seq., of the City’s Code of Ordinances, and all other applicable laws, the Mayor has the power to issue emergency orders with the force of law.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

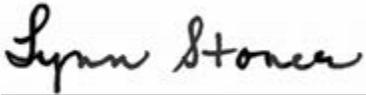
**Section 1.** Every person working, living, visiting, or doing business in the City of Plantation is encouraged to wear a cloth facial covering consistent with the current CDC guidelines while in any public place.

**Section 2.** All people should avoid the utilization of surgical masks or N95 rated masks as those are critical supplies for health care workers, police, fire, emergency management, or other persons engaged in life and safety activities.

**Section 3.** This Emergency Order is effective immediately and shall remain in place as long as the State of Local Emergency is in effect, as amended and extended.

ORDERED ON AND FILED WITH THE CLERK OF THE CITY OF PLANTATION ON APRIL 8, 2020.

Ordered by:

  
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Lynn Stoner, Mayor