

CITY OF ALTAMONTE SPRINGS, FLORIDA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2020-01

EXECUTIVE ORDER DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) characterized its assessment of the coronavirus disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) as a pandemic and has declared a public health emergency of international concern related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has declared the potential health threat posed by COVID-19 as ‘high’, both in the United States and throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that all states and territories implement aggressive measures to slow and contain transmission of COVID-19 in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Health and Human Services declared that a public health emergency exists nationwide as a result of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the United States; and

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-51, declaring that appropriate measures to control the spread of COVID-19 in the State of Florida are necessary, and therefore directed that a Public Health Emergency be declared in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2020, the State Surgeon General and State Health Officer declared that a public health emergency exists in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2020, Seminole County declared a Local State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a communicable disease with significant morbidity and mortality rates, and presents severe danger to public health; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a threat to the public health in Florida; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the first presumptive case of COVID-19 was confirmed by the Florida Department of Health within the City of Altamonte Springs; and

WHEREAS, Sections 252.38(2) and 252.38(3)(a)(5), *Florida Statutes*, provides authority for municipalities to declare a Local State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 16, "Emergency Management," *Altamonte Springs Code of Ordinances*, grants the authority to declare a local state of emergency to the City Manager of the City of Altamonte Springs, or the City Manager's designee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BY THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

Section 1. Declaration of Local State of Emergency. Due to the serious public health threat of COVID-19 to the residents of the City of Altamonte Springs, a Local State of Emergency is declared effective immediately. The Local State of Emergency will remain in effect within the legal boundaries of the City of Altamonte Springs, Florida for seven (7) days from the date hereof and may be extended by Executive Order as necessary in seven (7) day increments. Further Executive Orders relating to mitigating the public health threat and economic impacts may be forthcoming.

Section 2. Waiver of Procedures and Formalities Otherwise Required. Due to the Local State of Emergency, effective immediately, the procedures and formalities required of the City by law or ordinance are hereby waived as they pertain to:

- (a) Performance of public work and taking whatever prudent action is necessary to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the community;
- (b) Entering into contracts;
- (c) Incurring obligations;
- (d) Employment of permanent and temporary workers;
- (e) Utilization of volunteer workers;
- (f) Rental of equipment;
- (g) Acquisition and distribution, with or without compensation, of supplies, materials and facilities; and
- (h) Appropriation and expenditure of public funds.

Section 3. Alterations or Rescission. This declaration of a Local State of Emergency may be altered or rescinded either by the issuance of a subsequent Executive Order or by an appropriate Resolution of the City of Altamonte Springs City Commission.

ORDERED this 13th day of March, 2020; at 2:00 p.m.



**FRANKLIN W. MARTZ, II, CITY MANAGER
CITY OF ALTAMONTE SPRINGS, FLORIDA**