

CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2020-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LIVE OAK, FLORIDA, FINDING AND DECLARING THE EXISTENCE OF AN EMERGENCY, AS OF MARCH 9, 2020, ARISING FROM THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.

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, in late 2019, a new and significant outbreak of COVID-19 emerged in China; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization previously declared COVID-19 a Public Health Emergency of International Concern; and

WHEREAS, in response to the recent COVID-19 outbreak in China, Iran, Italy, Japan and South Korea, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") has deemed it necessary to prohibit or restrict non-essential travel to or from those countries; and

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order number 20-51 directing the Florida Department of Health to issue a Public Health Emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2020, the State Surgeon General and State Health Officer declared a Public Health Emergency exists in the State of Florida as a result of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 7, 2020, the Governor directed the Director of the Division of Emergency Management to activate the State Emergency Operations Center to Level 2 to provide coordination and response to the COVID-19 emergency; and

WHEREAS, the CDC currently recommends community preparedness and

everyday prevention measures be taken by all individuals and families in the United States, including voluntary home isolation when individuals are sick with respiratory symptoms, covering coughs and sneezes with a tissue and disposal of the tissue immediately thereafter, washing hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, using of alcohol-based hand sanitizers with 60%-95% alcohol if soap and water are not readily available and routinely cleaning frequently touched surfaces and objects to increase community resilience and readiness for responding to an outbreak; and

WHEREAS, the CDC currently recommends mitigation measures for communities experiencing an outbreak including staying at home when sick, keeping away from others who are sick, limiting face-to-face contact with others as much as possible, consulting with your healthcare provider if individuals or members of a household are at high risk for COVID-19 complications, wearing a facemask if advised to do so by a healthcare provider or by a public health official, staying home when a household member is sick with respiratory disease symptoms if instructed to do so by public health officials or a health care provider; and

WHEREAS, based upon information, advices and warnings from the various agencies identified herein, the City, in order to protect the welfare and safety of the citizens of the City and their property, finds it necessary to declare the existence of an emergency and to make all precautionary and necessary plans to avoid or minimize damages arising from and out of the COVID-19 public health emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LIVE OAK, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The above recitals are all true and accurate and are incorporated herein and made a part of this resolution.

Section 2. The City Council declares the existence of an emergency

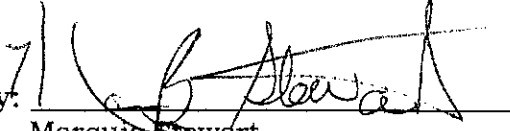
arising from the COVID-19 public health emergency and authorizes and instructs all its City officials and the various departments of the City to take all emergency action which is prudent and necessary to protect the welfare and safety of the citizens of the City and their property.

Section 3. The City Manager is hereby authorized to make emergency purchases of supplies and services, and take all necessary precautions required to prevent or repair damages to persons and property, resulting from the COVID-19 public health emergency.

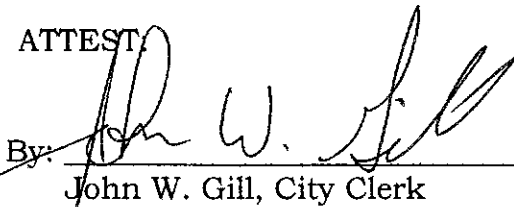
Section 4. This resolution shall be retroactive to March 9, 2020 and shall expire sixty (60) days from said date unless extended by the Mayor.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a meeting of the City Council this 19th day of March, 2020.


CITY OF LIVE OAK, FLORIDA

By: 
Marquis Stewart,
Council President

ATTEST:

By: 
John W. Gill, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

By: 
Frederick L. Koberlein, Jr.
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