

**EXECUTIVE ORDER
OFFICE OF THE TOWN MANAGER**

**AN EXECUTIVE ORDER OF THE TOWN OF LONGBOAT KEY TOWN
MANAGER RESTATING AND EXTENDING CERTAIN CLOSURES,
SUSPENSIONS AND CANCELLATIONS WITHIN THE TOWN OF
LONGBOAT KEY DUE TO THE ONGOING THREAT FROM THE
COVID-19 VIRUS; PROVIDING AN EXPIRATION DATE.**

WHEREAS, since March 1, 2020, the United States of America, the State of Florida, and Sarasota County declared a "State of Emergency" due to the Coronavirus ("COVID-19") pandemic; and

WHEREAS, since March 1, 2020, multiple Executive Orders were issued by Florida Governor DeSantis to prevent, and respond to the spread of COVID-19 throughout Florida; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, the Longboat Key Town Commission (Town) adopted Resolution 2020-06, affirming a local State of Emergency within the Town due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Town Charter, Town Code, and Resolution 2020-06, delegates to the Town Manager certain emergency administrative and operational authority to safeguard the lives and property of the Town's residents and visitors during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Town's population is composed of approximately 7,000 full time residents and 69% of those residents are individuals over the age of 65; and

WHEREAS, the Town's population demographic is considered one of the populations most susceptible to severe illness and death from the COVID-19 virus; and

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2020, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-91, "Safer at Home" that directed Floridians to limit their movements and personal interactions outside of their homes and only engage in "essential activities" in an effort to slow the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on April 29, 2020, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-112 initiating Phase 1: Safe, Smart, Step-by-Step Plan for Florida's Recovery, and on May 14, 2020, issued Executive Order 20-123 for Full Phase 1 for Florida's Recovery; and

WHEREAS, on June 3, 2020, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-139, Phase 2 Safe, Smart, Step-by-Step Plan for Florida's Recovery; and

WHEREAS, on September 25, 2020, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-244, Phase 3 Safe, Smart, Step-by-Step Plan for Florida's Recovery expanding business operations in the State while maintaining safe practices for the public; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic continues to pose a potential life-threatening situation for the citizens and visitors within the Town and precautionary measures intended to limit its spread, are expected to continue until at least January 12, 2021; and

WHEREAS, at the August 31, 2020, Emergency Special Meeting called to discuss the status of the COVID-19 pandemic and CDC recommendations, the Commission adopted Emergency Ordinance 2020-13 to require face coverings for every person living, working, visiting, or doing business in the Town in any indoor location, other than home or residence, subject to the exceptions outlined in the Emergency Ordinance. Requirements for face coverings were extended on November 9, 2020 by Emergency Ordinance 2020-21 through March 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, this locally issued Executive Order by the Town Manager is to affirm and extend certain closures, restrictions, suspensions, and cancellation orders issued by the Town Manager

due to the COVID-19 threat, and extend the duration of the previously issued order(s) until January 12, 2021, unless otherwise repealed or extended by the Town Manager or Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN MANAGER FOR THE TOWN OF LONGBOAT KEY, THAT:

1. All Public Beach Access parking locations, including Quick Point and Overlook Parks re-opened on October 1, 2020.
2. Children's playgrounds and public restrooms at Bayfront Park and Joan Durante Park re-opened on October 1, 2020.
3. The Town's Recreation Center at Bayfront Park and all classes scheduled within that facility shall remain closed to the public, with no rentals for events through December 2020. Effective November 2, 2020 the facility re-opened for approved meetings and classes, with restrictions on class size, and safety precautions in place. The basketball, shuffleboard, pickleball, and tennis courts at Bayfront Park are open.
4. The Town's Tennis Center is open subject to posted restrictions regarding social distancing and masks. No outside team play is authorized at this time.
5. The issuance of Temporary Use Permits/Public Forum Permits for rentals on Town property will be considered on a case by case basis.
6. Scheduling of certain building permit inspections in interior confined spaces shall be suspended until further noticed. Alternative methods to provide assurance of Town Code compliance shall be provided on a case by case basis.
7. During the time period the Governor's declared State of Emergency is in effect, building permit expirations are tolled. Within 90 days after the termination of the emergency declaration, holders of building permits are eligible to request further expiration extensions, up to a period of an additional 6 months.
8. All Town Facilities (including Town Hall) are open with restrictions as of November 2, 2020. Town staff shall remain available and accessible to the public by phone, e-mail, and appointment. Remote business with the Town is encouraged when possible for the safety of our community and Town staff.
9. Public meetings are being held as hybrid meetings with a physical in-person quorum in compliance with the Governor's Executive Order and the Town's Resolution on Meeting format (with the exception of the Special Magistrate Hearings) in accordance with Resolution 2020-28. A majority of Commission or Board Members will be physically present and other members may participate and vote virtually. The public is encouraged to view and participate in all remote/virtual workshops, meetings, and public hearings.
10. The above listed closures, cancellations and suspensions may be amended based on additional directives and Executive Orders from Florida's Governor, Sarasota County, the Department of Health, and/or the Center for Disease Control.
11. This Order will be re-evaluated on, or before, January 12, 2021, and shall only apply during the period of declared National, State, and local emergency caused by COVID-19.

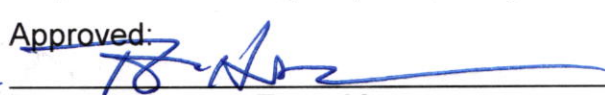
Attest:



Trish Shinkle, Town Clerk

12/29/2020
Date
(Seal)

Approved:



Thomas Harmer, Town Manager
Town of Longboat Key, Florida

12/29/20
Date

