



# PROCLAMATION

## PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY

**A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SEMINOLE, FLORIDA, DECLARING A STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY IN SEMINOLE DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) OUTBREAK AND ITS POTENTIAL THREAT OF HARM TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF SEMINOLE.**

**WHEREAS**, the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak poses a serious potential threat to the residents of Seminole; and

**WHEREAS**, to reduce the spread of COVID-19, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends implementation of community mitigation strategies to increase containment of the virus, including cancellation of large gatherings and social distancing in smaller gatherings; and

**WHEREAS**, it is therefore necessary for the City of Seminole to take protective measures to ensure the safety of its residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of the State of Florida has strongly suggested that municipalities and private entities limit or postpone mass gatherings; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, provides authority for the City of Seminole to declare a State of Emergency allowing the City to waive the procedures and formalities otherwise required of political subdivisions by law pertaining to:

1. Performance of public work and taking whatever action is necessary to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the community;
2. Entering into contracts;
3. Incurring obligations;
4. Employment of permanent and temporary workers;
5. Utilization of volunteer workers;
6. Rental of equipment;
7. Acquisition and distribution, with or without compensation of supplies, materials and facilities;
8. Appropriation and expenditures of public funds.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** by the Mayor of the City of Seminole that:

**Section 1.** COVID-19 poses a serious threat to the lives of residents of Seminole, Florida.

**Section 2.** A state of Local Emergency exists effective the 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020, and shall be effective until rescinded for all territory within the legal boundaries of the City of Seminole, Florida.

**Section 3.** The procedures and formalities required by law are hereby waived as provided in Chapter 252, Florida Statutes.

**Section 4.** As Mayor of the City of Seminole, I am authorized to promulgate such reasonable regulations as I deem necessary to protect life and preserve critical resources. These regulations may include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

- (1) Suspend or limit the sale, dispensing or transportation of alcoholic beverages, firearms, explosives and combustibles.
- (2) Establish curfews, including but not limited to the prohibition or restrictions on pedestrian and vehicular movement, standing and parking, except for the provision of designated, essential services such as fire, law enforcement, emergency medical and hospital services, including the transportation of patients, utility emergency repairs and emergency calls by physicians.
- (3) Utilize all available resources of the city government as reasonably necessary to cope with the disaster or emergency, including emergency expenditures not to exceed \$50,000.00.
- (4) Declare certain areas of the city off limits.
- (5) Make provisions for availability and use of temporary emergency housing and emergency warehousing of materials.
- (6) Establish emergency operating centers and shelters in addition to or in place of those provided for in the city's emergency plan.
- (7) Declare that during an emergency it shall be unlawful and an offense against the city for any person to use the potable water supplied by the city for any purpose other than for cooking, drinking or bathing.
- (8) Declare that during an emergency it shall be unlawful and an offense against the city for any person within the city to charge more than the normal average retail price for any merchandise, goods, or services sold during the emergency. The "average retail price" as used in this

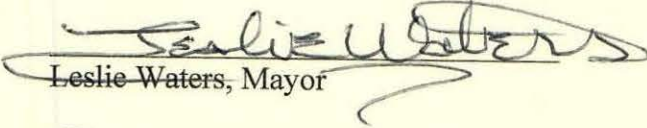
subsection is defined to be that price at which similar merchandise, goods, or services was being sold during the 90 days immediately preceding the emergency or a markup which is a larger percentage over wholesale cost than was being added to wholesale cost prior to the emergency.

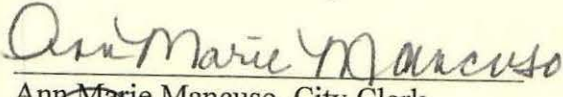
- (9) Confiscate merchandise, equipment, vehicles or property needed to alleviate the emergency. Reimbursement shall be within 60 days and at a customary value charged for the items during the 90 days previous to the emergency.
- (10) Allow the vice-mayor in my absence, or in his absence the city manager, or their designees, on behalf of the city, to request the National Guard, Coast Guard, or other law enforcement divisions as may be necessary to assist in the mitigation of the emergency or to help maintain law and order, rescue and traffic control.

**Section 5.** This proclamation shall be subject to ratification by the City Council as soon as practicable.

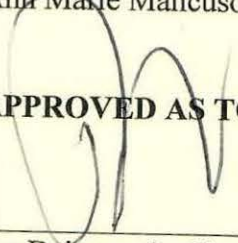
Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

**CITY OF SEMINOLE**

  
Leslie Waters, Mayor

  
Ann Marie Mancuso, City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
Jay Daigneault, City Attorney

