

CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES

Declaration of a State of Emergency (Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019)

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis signed Executive Order No. 20-52, thereby declaring a public health emergency in the State of Florida due to public health threat resulting from the spread of the Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”); and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, Broward County Administrator Bertha Henry declared a state of emergency in Broward County; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 outbreak a global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis signed Executive Order No. 20-68, thereby suspending the sale of alcoholic beverages at bars, pubs and nightclubs for thirty (30) days, limiting gatherings on public beaches, limiting restaurant occupancy, and requiring social distancing and employee screening, among other things; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Executive Order No. 2-68, all bars and nightclubs in the State of Florida are ordered to be closed for thirty (30) days; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has physically contaminated property in Florida contributing to the need for closure of certain businesses, as detailed in the Governor’s Executive Orders; and

WHEREAS, as of March 26, 2020, there are 503 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Broward County, including a number of cases in the City of Pembroke Pines (the “City”); and

WHEREAS, on March 26, 2020, Broward County Administrator Bertha Henry executed an emergency order urging all residents of Broward County to stay home unless engaging in essential business; and

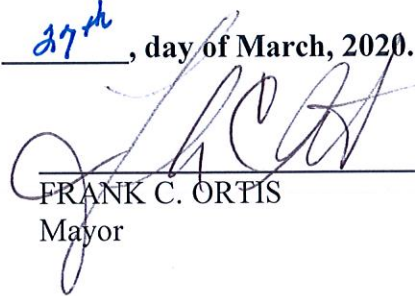
WHEREAS, Section 92.14 of the City’s Code of Ordinances authorizes the Mayor or the City Manager to declare that a state of emergency exists in the City for a period not to exceed (7) days, unless extended by the Governor; and

WHEREAS, the state of emergency in the State of Florida, as declared by Governor Ron DeSantis, effectively extends this state of emergency in the City of Pembroke Pines until such time that the public health emergency no longer exists in the State; and

WHEREAS, following the declaration of a state of emergency in the City, the Mayor or the City Manager has the expressed authority to exercise emergency powers and take action as determined necessary and appropriate for the protection of life, health, and property, and the alleviation of suffering and the rapid restoration of public facilities and services; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FRANK C. ORTIS, pursuant to the authority set forth in Ch. 252, F.S., and Section 92.14 of the City's Code of Ordinances, hereby declare the City of Pembroke Pines to be in a state of emergency and, in accordance with the City Code, authorize the City Manager to take any and all action necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens and residents of the City.

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY on this 27th, day of March, 2020.



FRANK C. ORTIS
Mayor