

RESOLUTION R2020-011

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT MEADE, FLORIDA (CITY), RELATING TO PUBLIC HEALTH; MAKING FINDINGS; EXTENDING THE PREVIOUSLY DECLARED STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19); EXTENDING THE GRANT OF CERTAIN EMERGENCY POWERS TO THE CITY MANAGER; ACTIVATING CITY EMERGENCY PLANS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

EXTENSION OF DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY CITY OF FORT MEADE, FLORIDA

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, on March 1, 2020, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, issued Executive Order No. 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 that a Public Health Emergency exists in the State of Florida as a result of COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Governor DeSantis declared that a state of emergency exists in the State of Florida as a result of the continued spread of COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has created or imminently threatens to create conditions that may severely affect the public health, safety, welfare and security of the citizens, residents and visitors of the City of Fort Meade, Florida; and,

WHEREAS, in order to mitigate or prevent these impacts, the City Commission of the City of Fort Meade, Florida finds that it is necessary to declare a state of emergency within the entire incorporated limits of the City of Fort Meade pursuant to the City's Charter, its home rule ordinance (Ordinance No. 2020-09) creating the guidelines for declaring a civil emergency, and the City's home rule authority, including that set forth in Article VIII, Section 2(b), Florida Constitution, and Section 166.021, Florida Statutes;

WHEREAS, since the City Commission approved the original declaration of emergency, the Governor has extended the state declared emergency twice until September 7, 2020, authorized limited openings of certain businesses under strict public health conditions, and extended until August 1, 2020, Executive Order Number 20-69 which suspends any Florida Statute that requires a quorum to be present in person or requires a local government body to meet at a specific public place and permits local

government bodies to utilize communications media technology such as telephonic and video conferencing, as provided in section 120.54(5)(b)2., Florida Statutes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT MEADE, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The foregoing findings are true and correct and are hereby adopted and incorporated herein.

SECTION 2. A state of emergency was declared on March 24, 2020, continues to exist, and is declared extended within the entire incorporated limits of the City of Fort Meade until either the state emergency is terminated or the city emergency is declared terminated by the City Commission, whichever last occurs.

SECTION 3. The City Manager shall have and continue to exercise the following powers and authority while the state of emergency declared hereby exists:

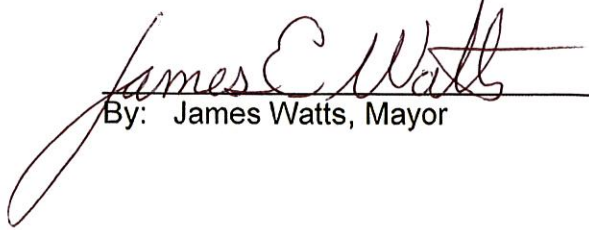
- (a) To order the evacuation of certain areas of the City;
- (b) To declare curfews during specified hours of the day;
- (c) To declare certain areas of the City subject to quarantine or accessible only under specified conditions;
- (d) To prohibit the sale of merchandise, goods or services at more than the normal average retail price;
- (e) To implement emergency procurement procedures;
- (f) To continue to schedule virtual city commission and other public body meetings pursuant to section 7-13, City Code; and,
- (g) To exercise such other powers as the city commission may from time to time delegate to the city manager pursuant to section 7-5, City Code.

SECTION 4. The state of emergency extended hereby shall continue any City emergency plans applicable thereto. Nothing herein shall preclude the grant of additional powers or authority to the City Manager or other appropriate City officials by further declaration or proclamation if necessary, to prevent or mitigate the effects of the emergency conditions created by COVID-19.

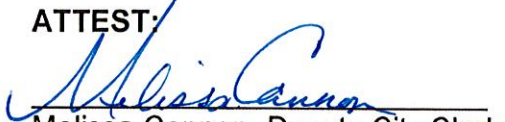
SECTION 5. This Resolution declaring and proclaiming a state of emergency shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

RESOLVED, PASSED, AND CERTIFIED AS TO PASSAGE THIS 14th Day of July 2020.

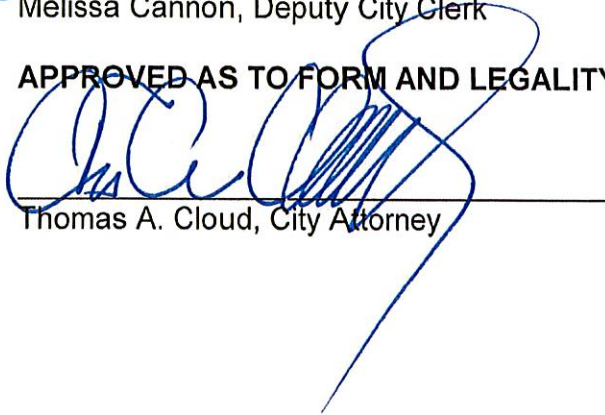
CITY OF FORT MEADE, FLORIDA


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ATTEST:


Melissa Cannon, Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:


Thomas A. Cloud, City Attorney

