

DECLARATION OF STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY 20-01

PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF POLK COUNTY ORDINANCE 19-074 AND FLORIDA STATUTES, SECTION 252.38(3)(a)(5), A STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY IS HEREBY DECLARED WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL BOUNDARIES OF POLK COUNTY, INCLUDING BOTH THE INCORPORATED AND UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE COUNTY AND ENCOMPASSES THE EMERGENCY IDENTIFIED AS **NOVEL CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19)**. THIS DECLARATION SHALL ACTIVATE THE EMERGENCY PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN POLK COUNTY ORDINANCES 19-074, AS AMENDED INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION, THE PROHIBITION AGAINST PRICE GOUGING. NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF POLK COUNTY ORDINANCE 19-074, NO CURFEW SHALL BE IMPOSED UNTIL FURTHER DECLARATION. FURTHER, THE COUNTY MAY EVOKE ALL OF THE POWERS AS OUTLINED IN CHAPTER 252 FLORIDA STATUTES OR OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW.

FURTHERMORE, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF POLK COUNTY ORDINANCE 19-074, AS AMENDED AND OTHER APPLICABLE COUNTY ORDINANCES AND STATE LAWS, THE COUNTY MANAGER OF POLK COUNTY AND HIS DESIGNEE(S) ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO, INTER ALIA, TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

1. Utilize all available resources of the county government as reasonably necessary to cope with the emergency.
2. Make provisions for the availability and use of temporary emergency housing and the emergency warehousing of materials.
3. Acquire merchandise, equipment, vehicles or property needed to alleviate the emergency.

FURTHER, IN ACCORDANCE WITH §252.38, FLORIDA STATUTES AND POLK COUNTY ORDINANCE 19-074, THE COUNTY HEREBY WAIVES THE PROCEDURES AND FORMALITIES OTHERWISE REQUIRED OF THE COUNTY BY LAW PERTAINING TO:

- a. Performance of public work and taking whatever prudent action is necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the community.
- b. Entering into contracts.
- c. Incurring obligations.
- d. Employment of permanent and temporary workers.
- e. Utilization of volunteer workers.

- f. Rental of equipment.
- g. Acquisition and distribution, with or without compensation, of supplies, materials, and facilities.
- h. Appropriation and expenditure of public funds.

PURSUANT TO POLK COUNTY ORDINANCE 19-074 THIS DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY SHALL EXPIRE WITHIN SEVEN (7) DAYS UNLESS EXTENDED, AS NECESSARY, IN 7-DAY INCREMENTS.

DATED this 16th day of March, 2020.

ATTEST:

STACY M. BUTTERFIELD, CLERK

By: Stacy Valle
Deputy Clerk

POLK COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

By

Bill Brasley
Name: Bill Brasley

Title: County Manager

