

**EXECUTIVE ORDER TOLLING SEMINOLE COUNTY  
PERMITTING TIMEFRAMES DURING COVID-19**

**WHEREAS**, on March 1, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis executed Executive Order No. 20-51, directing the Florida Department of Health to issue a Public Health Emergency in response to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”); and

**WHEREAS**, on March 2, 2020, Seminole County Chairman Jay Zembower executed Executive Order No. 20-01, declaring a Local State of Emergency under the provisions of Chapter 72, Seminole County Code, due to the serious health threat to those within the County arising from and related to COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 9, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis executed Executive Order No. 20-52, declaring a State of Emergency pursuant to COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 continues to pose an imminent health risk to healthcare workers, first responders, and emergency medical services workers caring for patients with COVID-19 and to residents in Seminole County and neighboring communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) currently recommends mitigation measures in communities with COVID-19 cases including no meetings, events, or gatherings with ten (10) or more people, staying at home when sick, keeping away from others who are sick, and staying at home when a household member is sick with respiratory disease symptoms or if instructed to do so by public health officials or a health care provider; and

**WHEREAS**, the ability to conduct public business in accordance with Florida’s Sunshine Law at open public meetings is currently severely hampered; and

**WHEREAS**, formerly routine processes are disrupted and taking longer to accomplish due to Coronavirus precautions being mandated by the Federal and State Governments.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BY THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:**

**Section 1. Tolling and Extensions.** Any and all pending due dates, expiration dates, or termination dates in Zoning and Land Use applications, agreements, resolutions, ordinances, building permits; and Code Enforcement compliance dates, are hereby tolled until the current Local State of Emergency expires or is rescinded. Any items removed from the March 24, 2020 Board of County Commissioners (“BCC”) Meeting agenda will be heard at the next regularly scheduled BCC Meeting. In the event an item on the agenda has a due date, termination date or expiration date prior to the date on which the next regularly scheduled BCC Meeting occurs, then that due date, termination date, or expiration date is tolled until the BCC is able to take official action at a public meeting on that item.

**Section 2. Alterations or Rescission.** At the expiration of the current Local State of Emergency, the subject matter of this Order shall be reevaluated in light of the conditions presented at that time and the appropriateness of further extension of this Order will be determined at that time.

**Section 3. Additional Considerations.** This Executive Order does not apply to items within Seminole County’s internal review processes.

**ORDERED** this 18 day of March, 2020; at 5:29 PM.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Jay Zembower, Chairman  
Seminole County Board of County Commissioners