

**SEVENTH DIRECTIVE ON EMERGENCY MEASURES
TO BE IMPLEMENTED BY THE COUNTY OF VOLUSIA**

Effective April 25, 2020, at 12:01 a.m.

WHEREAS, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order No. 20-52 on March 9, 2020, declaring a state of emergency for the entire State of Florida as a result of Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19);

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Volusia County Council issued a Declaration of State of Local Emergency Related to Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), as subsequently extended;

WHEREAS, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-91 "Safer-At-Home" which requires all persons in Florida to limit their movements and personal interactions outside of their home to only those necessary to obtain or provide essential services or conduct essential activities, including but not limited to participating in recreational activities consistent with social distancing guidelines;

WHEREAS, on April 4, 2020, the County issued the Fifth Directive on Emergency Measures, pertaining to the beach;

WHEREAS, public health officials from the Florida Department of Health have emphasized the importance and benefits of exercise, done in a manner consistent with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) social distancing guidelines, on both physical and mental health in this time of heightened stress;

WHEREAS, consistent with statements by Governor DeSantis, promoting beach and parks activities for safe activities consistent with social distancing requirements is a local decision;

WHEREAS, this directive is based on the most recent available information and observed and continuing compliance of the citizens of Volusia County with CDC guidelines on social distancing;

WHEREAS, the County must consider constantly changing information and dynamics of the COVID-19 pandemic and its impacts within its communities;

WHEREAS, based on the most recent available information and continuing compliance by the Citizens of Volusia County with social distancing guidelines certain recreational activities on the beaches of Volusia County may be performed safely while adhering to social distancing requirements;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 20, Code of Ordinances, County of Volusia, the County regulates activities on the beach;

WHEREAS, increasing beach recreational activities are anticipated to be a phased approach, contingent and based on the most recent information regarding COVID-19 and compliance with social distancing guidelines and a determination by the County that doing so protects public health and safety;

WHEREAS, this and prior directives are based on the Declaration of the State of Local Emergency and are the minimum necessary temporary measures needed to protect the public health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, this Seventh Directive rescinds and replaces the Fifth Directive.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE RECKTENWALD, as County Manager for the County of Volusia, Florida, and pursuant to the authority vested in me under Section 46-143, Code of Ordinances, County of Volusia, Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, Chapter 20, Code of Ordinances, County of Volusia, as well as that certain County of Volusia Declaration of Local Emergency for Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), dated March 13, 2020, and subsequently extended, **I HEREBY ISSUE** this Seventh Directive on Emergency Measures:

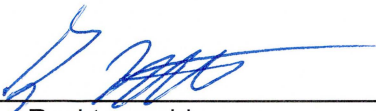
- All use of the ocean beaches in Volusia County are **OPEN but temporarily limited** to only the following activities: walking; jogging; biking; fishing; surfing; swimming; and the parking of vehicles with Disabled Parking Permit placards per s. 320.0848, F.S., or International Wheelchair Symbol license plates, per ss. 320.084, 320.0843, and 320.0848, F.S., within 100 yards of designated ramps. Vehicles with Disabled Parking Permit placards or International Wheelchair Symbol license plates may only access through ramps designated by the County and must remain within 100 yards of those designated ramps. All other activities such as sunbathing, sitting in chairs, organized sports or lying

on blankets and grouping of persons are not permitted on the beach. A minimum of six foot social distancing shall apply and other social distancing recommendations/orders of the federal and state government. When activities are complete, beachgoers shall be required to leave the beach.

- All vehicular approaches, County beachside peninsula parks, and County off-beach peninsula parking areas remain temporarily **CLOSED**, except that barricades along certain right-of-ways and ramp parking identified by the County will be removed.
- Limitations in this directive do not apply to County beach patrol, County maintenance, enforcement (including, but not limited to, environmental enforcement), rescue activity by federal, state, and local government agencies and other authorized County personnel.
- Enforcement. The County will direct any establishment of cease and desist operations that are in violation of this Emergency Order and may treat offenses as a violation of county ordinance, punishable by a fine of \$500.00 or a criminal violation punishable subject to Section 252.50, Florida Statutes, as a misdemeanor of the second degree.
- Subsequent directives will be forthcoming as circumstances warrant in response to this emergency.
- Nothing herein, or any prior or subsequent directive issued during this emergency, constitutes abandonment, waiver, or permanent interruption of any customary, prescriptive, or dedicated use rights of the public to access and use the beach.

This Seventh Directive shall be effective for the duration, without lapse, of the Declaration of Local Emergency for Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19).

COUNTY OF VOLUSIA, FLORIDA



George Recktenwald
County Manager

Date: 4/24/2020