

EXECUTIVE ORDER EXTENDING THE DECLARED LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2020, the Seminole County Chairman executed Executive Order 2020-001, 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 the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”); and

WHEREAS, the Local State of Emergency has been extended eight (8) times by Executive Order No. 2020- 002, 2020-003, 2020-005, 2020-007, 2020-011, 2020-013, 2020-014, and 2020-015 due to the ongoing health threat to those within the County related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, Executive Order 2020-004 was issued for the purpose of tolling all pending due dates, expiration dates, or termination dates in Zoning and Land Use applications, agreements, resolutions, ordinances, building permits, along with Code Enforcement compliance dates, until the Local State of Emergency under Executive Order 2020-001 has expired or been rescinded; and

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2020, Executive Order 2020-006 was executed, requiring social distancing and adherence to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Guidelines by individuals within Seminole County; and **WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 continues to pose an imminent health hazard and an increased risk of infection to residents of the County and healthcare, first responders, and emergency medical service workers caring for patients with COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Section 252.38(3)(a)(5), Florida Statutes, provides authority for counties to declare a Local State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, Section 72.4, Seminole County Code, grants the authority to declare a local state of emergency to the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners; or the Vice-Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners in the event of incapacitation or unavailability of the Chairman; or in the event of the unavailability or incapacitation of both the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman, then the Commissioner who has served for the longest continual period.

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

Section 1. Extension of Declared Local State of Emergency. Due to the continued health risk to the residents of Seminole County due to COVID-19, Seminole County continues to develop action response plans, procure personal protective equipment, undergo pandemic preventative training and exercise coordination, and conduct similar activities to support the public health and safety of the community, an extension to the Declared Local State of Emergency is effective immediately. The Local State of Emergency will remain in effect within the legal boundaries of Seminole County, Florida for seven (7) days from the date hereof and may be extended by Executive Order as necessary in seven (7) day increments.

Section 2. Waiver of Procedures and Formalities Otherwise Required. Due to the extension of the Local State of Emergency, the procedures and formalities required of the County by law or ordinance continue to be waived as they pertain 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; and

(h) Appropriation and expenditure of public funds.

Section 3. Alterations or Rescission. This Extension of the Declared Local State of Emergency may be altered or rescinded either by the issuance of a subsequent Executive Order or by an appropriate Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners.

ORDERED

ORDERED this 4th day of May, 2020; at 12:06pm

By: 

Jay Zembower, Chairman

Seminole County Board of County Commissioners