

CITY OF SANIBEL

PROCLAMATION NO. 20-013

AN EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SANIBEL IN CONNECTION WITH THE CITY'S STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY RESULTING FROM THE OUTBREAK OF THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19); CANCELLING CERTAIN PUBLIC MEETINGS; CANCELLING CERTAIN SPECIAL EVENTS; MODIFYING CERTAIN CITY COUNCIL LIAISON DUTIES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Section 252.38(3)(a)(5), Florida Statutes, provides authority to a political subdivision of the State of Florida to declare a State of Local Emergency for a period of seven (7) days in order to take whatever action is necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, at 10:52 a.m. on March 18, 2020, the City Council of the City of Sanibel declared a State of Local Emergency resulting from the outbreak of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 22 of the City's Code authorizes and empowers the Mayor to issue public proclamations during a state of emergency, imposing certain prohibitions and restrictions to protect lives and safety.

WHEREAS, social distancing guidelines and limitations on public gatherings have been detailed in guidance by the federal and state government, including 15 Days to Slow the Spread issued by President of the United States and the Center for Disease Control (CDC), as well as Executive Order Number 20-68 issued by the Governor of the State of Florida;

WHEREAS, in keeping with such guidelines and in an effort to limit the spread of COVID-19 and protect the lives and safety of the City's residents, visitors and the greater community, the Mayor finds it appropriate to cancel certain public meetings and special events, and to temporarily modify certain City Council liaison duties; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Mayor of the City of Sanibel, Florida:

SECTION 1. Cancellation of Certain Public Meetings. All public meetings of any committee, commission, board or other public meeting of the City of Sanibel are cancelled through April 30, 2020, less and except meetings of the City Council.

SECTION 2. Cancellation of Certain Special Events. All special events permits issued by the City for any special event to occur through April 30, 2020 are hereby revoked or otherwise cancelled.

SECTION 3. Modification of Certain City Council Liaison Duties. All liaison duties of City Council members are hereby modified through April 30, 2020, to authorize participation by any reasonable means other than strictly in-person participation.

SECTION 4. Necessary for Protection. This Proclamation is an emergency measure necessary for the protection of the public health, welfare and safety, due to the serious threat of COVID-19.

SECTION 5. Effective Date. This Proclamation shall take effect immediately upon execution.

AUTHENTICATION:



Kevin Ruane, Mayor



Pamela Smith, City Clerk

3:37 p.m.

(Time)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


John D. Agnew, City Attorney

3/24/20
Date