

RESOLUTION 2020-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KEYSTONE HEIGHTS, FLORIDA DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY; ADOPTING EXECUTIVE ORDER 20-51, ISSUED BY THE GOVERNOR OF FLORIDA; PROVIDING DIRECTION TO THE CLERK; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the State of Florida and the City of Keystone Heights are experiencing an imminent threat of personal health and even death due to COVID-19, commonly referred to as the Coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a severe acute respiratory illness that appears to occur through respiratory transmission and presents with symptoms similar to those of influenza; and

WHEREAS, as of February 29, 2020, COVID-19 has spread throughout China and around the world, including a growing number of cases within the United States and Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that all states and territories implement aggressive measures to slow and contain transmission of COVID-19 in the United States; and

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-51, the terms of which are incorporated herein, declaring that appropriate measures to control the spread of COVID-19 in the State of Florida are necessary, and therefore directed that a public health emergency be declared in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2020, the State Surgeon General and State Health Officer, by virtue of the Governor's Executive Order 20-51 and Section 381.00315, Florida Statutes, issued a Declaration of Public Health Emergency declaring that a public health emergency exists in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, on March 7, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis directed the Director of the Division of Emergency Management to activate the State Emergency Operations Center to Level 2 to provide coordination and response to the COVID-19 emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order Number 20-52, declaring a state of emergency for the State of Florida to address the public health emergency caused by the threat of COVID-19 to the state; and

WHEREAS, according to the Florida Department of Health, as of March 13, 2020, forty-

five (45) individuals in the State of Florida have tested positive for COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, as of March 13, 2020, more than fifteen counties in Florida, including Clay County, have positive cases for COVID-19, and COVID-19 poses a risk to the entire state of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the City of Keystone Heights must take timely emergency measures, because of the heightened potential for serious injury or loss of life, and the length of time required to address the numerous needs of residents from the Coronavirus health hazard; and

WHEREAS, certain additional specialized needs, equipment and personnel may be required to assist in the City's citizens and to take protective action with regard to public safety, health and life; and

WHEREAS, other measures may have to be taken in order to mitigate the potential for causing further threatening conditions; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, authorizes a political subdivision such as the City of Keystone Heights to declare a local state of emergency.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KEYSTONE HEIGHTS, FLORIDA:

Section 1. Declaration of State of Local Emergency.

1. The imminent spread of COVID-19, poses a serious threat to the health, safety, and welfare of people and property of the City of Keystone Heights, Florida, and that a state of local emergency is hereby declared, effective immediately, for the City of Keystone Heights, Florida.
2. The following authority is delegated to the City Manager in relationship to affected areas or zones, so determined by the City Manager:
 - i. Determine whether any specific areas or zones of the City of Keystone Heights may require specialized health, testing or medical attention;
 - ii. Cooperate with local, state and federal health officials, regarding the medical and recovery needs of the citizens and visitors to the City;
 - iii. Based upon medical information and direction, order the quarantine of all persons from all areas of the City of Keystone Heights in designated zones;
 - iv. Direct the sequence in which such quarantines shall be carried out, including the time any quarantine is to begin, as well as the time such quarantines are to be completed; and

- v. Regulate the movement of persons and traffic to, from, or within any location in the City of Keystone Heights to the extent needed to cope with this emergency.
4. Any quarantine order issued by the City Manager shall be in writing; immediately disseminated by all practical means so as to inform the public in the affected area; filed with the Clerk to the City Council; and attached to and become part of this Resolution. An Order of Quarantine shall become effective upon execution by the City Manager. The City Manager shall have the authority to amend, rescind, or terminate any quarantine order.
5. The City Manager is hereby empowered and authorized to waive the procedures and formalities otherwise required of the City by law or Ordinance pertaining to any action designated in Section 252.38, Florida Statute.
6. The City Manager is further empowered to carry out all emergency responsibilities delegated by the Governor to the political subdivisions of the State.
7. All State and/or local business licenses, vendors, merchants, and any other person operating a retain business in the City of Keystone Heights, are hereby prohibited from charging more than the normal average retail price, for any goods, materials, or services sold during the duration or any extension of the declaration of emergency.
8. State of Florida Executive Order Number 20-51, attached hereto, is hereby adopted and incorporated herein.

Section 2. Direction to Clerk.

The City Clerk shall record this Resolution in the Public Records of the City of Keystone Heights, Florida and shall transmit a certified copy to the Clay County Property Appraiser.

Section 3. Effective Date and Extension.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption and shall remain in effect for seven (7) days unless extended or rescinded by the City Council of the City of Keystone Heights.

The City Council for the City of Keystone Heights recognizes the circumstances and conditions which necessitate the foregoing Resolution may extend beyond seven (7) days, and therefore, the City Council for the City of Keystone Heights hereby authorizes the Mayor to extend the local State of Emergency in her sole discretion. Any subsequent extension shall be reported to the City Council for the City of Keystone Heights at the following regularly scheduled City Council meeting.

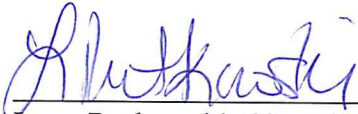
DULY ADOPTED AND RESOLVED with a quorum present and voting, by the City Council of the City of Keystone Heights, Florida in emergency session, this 13th day of March 2020.

CITY OF KEYSTONE HEIGHTS, FLORIDA



Karen Lake, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lynn Rutkowski, City Clerk