

RESOLUTION 2020-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BELLEAIR BLUFFS, FLORIDA, EXTENDING THE DECLARATION OF A STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY FOR THE CITY OF BELLEAIR BLUFFS AS A RESULT OF THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) OUTBREAK AND ITS POTENTIAL THREAT OF HARM TO THE RESIDENTS AND VISITORS OF THE CITY OF BELLEAIR BLUFFS; PROVIDING FOR THE WAIVER OF THE PROCEDURES AND FORMALITIES REQUIRED BY LAW PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE CHAPTER 252; PROVIDING FOR THE RATIFICATION OF THE PROCLAMATION OF COVID 19 EMERGENCY ISSUED BY THE MAYOR ON MARCH 13, 2020; PROVIDING THE EXTENSION OF THE DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

WHEREAS, the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak poses a serious potential threat to the residents of the City of Belleair Bluffs; and

WHEREAS, to reduce the spread of COVID-19, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends implementation of community mitigation strategies to increase containment of the virus, including cancellation of large gatherings and social distancing in smaller gatherings; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, pursuant to Executive Order 20-52, the Governor of the State of Florida declared a state of emergency throughout the state due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, 14 cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed in Pinellas County and could spread to residents or visitors to the City of Belleair Bluffs; and

WHEREAS, it is therefore necessary for the City of Belleair Bluffs to take protective measures to ensure the safety of its residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, provides authority for a political sub-division such as the City of Belleair Bluffs to declare a State of Emergency

allowing the City to waive the procedures and formalities otherwise required of political subdivisions by law pertaining to:

1. Performance of public work and taking whatever action is necessary to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the community.
2. Entering into contracts;
3. Incurring obligations;
4. Employment of permanent and temporary workers;
5. Utilization of volunteer workers;
6. Rental of equipment;
7. Acquisition and distribution, with or without compensation of supplies, materials and facilities;
8. Appropriation and expenditures of public funds.

WHEREAS, this is a rapidly evolving situation which may require the declaration to be extended in seven-day increments as provided in Section 252.38(3)(a)5., Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Belleair Bluffs issued a Proclamation of COVID 19 Emergency on March 13, 2020 providing for declaration of a state of local emergency within the City of Belleair Bluffs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BELLEAIR BLUFFS, FLORIDA, DULY ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1. COVID-19 poses a serious threat to the lives of residents and visitors of the City of Belleair Bluffs, Florida.

Section 2. A state of Local Emergency exists effective the 13th day of March, 2020, and shall be effective until rescinded for all territory within the legal boundaries of the City of Belleair Bluffs, Florida.

Section 3. The procedures and formalities required by law of a political sub-division are hereby waived as provided in Chapter 252, Florida Statutes.

Section 4. The City Commission of the City of Belleair Bluffs hereby ratifies the Proclamation of COVID 19 Emergency of the Mayor on March 13, 2020.

Section 5. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

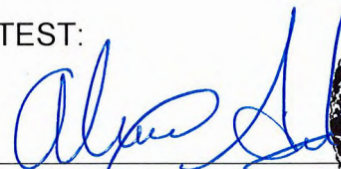
Section 6. That the Mayor is hereby authorized to extend the duration of this declaration in seven-day increments by proclamation upon request from the City Administrator, as the primary City executive responsible for emergency management.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BELLEAIR BLUFFS, FLORIDA, THIS 23rd day of March 2020.



Chris Arbutine, Sr.

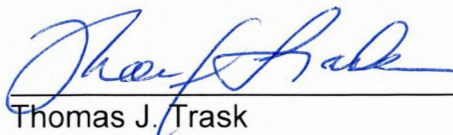
ATTEST:



Alexis A. Silcox
City Clerk



APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Thomas J. Trask
City Attorney

AYE: Barkley, Nazario, Shimkus, Sofer, Arbutine
NAY: None
ABSENT: None