CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-11
REGARDING THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS, COVID-19

WHEREAS, the Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a severe acute respiratory illness that can spread among humans through respiratory transmission and presents with symptoms similar to those of influenza; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization designated COVID-19, outbreak a Public Health Emergency of International Concern; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Health and Human Services Secretary, Alex M. Azar II, declared a public health emergency for the entire United States to aid the nation's healthcare community in responding to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis executed Executive Order Number 20-52, declared a State of Emergency in the State of Florida regarding COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump declared a national emergency in response to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, President Donald J. Trump and the CDC issued guidance entitled "15 Days to Slow the Spread" advising individuals to adopt far-reaching social distancing measures which includes avoiding gathering of more than 10 people; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, Mayor Keith A. James executed a Declaration of State of Local Emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order Number 20-69 suspending any Florida Statute that requires a quorum to be present in person or that requires a local government body to meet at a specific public place; and

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2020, the President updated the guidance and issued Coronavirus Guidelines for America entitled "30 Days to Slow the Spread" and urged Americans to continue to adhere to the guidelines and expand community mitigation efforts; and

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis issued a Safer At Home Order, Executive Order Number 20-91, mandating that all persons in Florida should limit their movements and personal interactions outside of their home to only those necessary to obtain or provide essential services or conduct essential activities; and

WHEREAS, on April 29, 2020 Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order No. 20-112 titled Phase 1: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida’s Recovery which allowed certain businesses to safely and strategically re-open in the State; but exclude businesses in Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach County; and
WHEREAS, on May 10, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis executed Executive Order 20-120 expanding Phase I: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery effective at 12:01 a.m. on May 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, expanded Phase I allows restaurants and retail to operate in Palm Beach County at 25 percent capacity with appropriate social distancing; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 20-120 also permits persons in Florida to provide or obtain services at barbershops, salons, and cosmetology specialty salons so long as appropriate social distancing and precautionary measures as outlined by the Department of Business and Professional Regulation are followed. See link: www.myfloridalicense.com/emergency; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and appropriate to take additional action to ensure that the spread of COVID-19 is slowed and that residents and visitors in West Palm Beach, Florida remain safe and secure by reducing potential impacts which may result from allowing those who provide services at barbershops, cosmetology salons, and cosmetology specialty salons to operate within the City of West Palm Beach.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Keith A. James, Mayor of the City of West Palm Beach, Florida, by the authority vested in me pursuant to Chapters 166 and 252 of the Florida Statutes and the City of West Palm Beach Charter and Code of Ordinances, do hereby order:

Section 1. Barbershops, cosmetology salons, and cosmetology specialty salons may operate within the City of West Palm Beach provided they follow the mandatory guidelines found at www.myfloridalicense.com/emergency and provided that they follow these additional mandatory guidelines:

a. Thoroughly clean and disinfect prior to reopening. Make sure to disinfect all surfaces, tools and linens, even if they were cleaned before you originally closed. This type of cleaning shall continue between each day of operation; and

b. Provide unworn masks to clients for use during their appointment; and

c. Remove all unnecessary, frequently touched items like magazines, newspapers, service menus and any other unnecessary paper products and décor from customer service areas.

Section 2. Restaurants, food establishments and in-store retail establishments may operate in the City of West Palm Beach as provided in Governor Ron DeSantis's Executive Order 20-112.

Section 3. All services and activities allowed within the City of West Palm Beach permitted in Phase I: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery, as expanded by Executive Order 20-112, shall implement all applicable guidelines established by the CDC and OSHA.

Section 4. The Mayor may amend provisions of this Order by written notice to the City Clerk.

Section 5. The City of West Palm Beach Police Department may use its authorities under Florida law to implement and enforce the provisions of this Order and shall take measures necessary to protect the public health, safety and welfare.

Section 6. This Order shall terminate upon the expiration of the existing City of West Palm Beach State of Local Emergency, except that if such State of Local Emergency is extended, this Order shall also be deemed to extend for the duration of such extension. This Order may be cancelled earlier by action of the Mayor.
Section 7. This Order shall be effective immediately.

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ATTEST:

City Clerk

CITY ATTORNEY’S OFFICE
Approved as to form and legality
By: [signature]

Keith A. James, Mayor
Dated: May 11, 2020