Proclamation

Relaxing Restrictions on Certain Recreational Facilities and Repealing Proclamation of Curfew

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 virus has an extremely high propensity to spread person to person creating ongoing, long-term risks to individuals and especially the elderly, sick or those with compromised immune systems; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Governor issued Executive Order Number 20-52 on Monday, March 9, 2020 declaring a state of emergency statewide, and authorizing in accordance with Section 252.38, Florida Statutes, each political subdivision within the State to "waive the procedures and formalities otherwise required of the political subdivision by law pertaining to . . . [the] [p]erformance of public work and taking whatever prudent action is necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the community;" and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, Mayor Louis Sarbone declared a STATE OF EMERGENCY as a result of the threat from Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19), which STATE OF EMERGENCY has subsequently been continuously extended to date; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, Mayor Louis Sarbone declared a City-wide curfew within the City of Coconut Creek and provided that it would be in place from 11pm to 5am starting on March 20, 2020 and every day thereafter until the STATE OF EMERGENCY expired or until the Curfew was repealed; and

WHEREAS, Broward County has issued emergency orders closing businesses and restricting non-essential activities in an effort to reduce the opportunities for community spread including but not limited to Broward County Emergency Orders 20-01, 20-02, 20-03, 20-04, and 20-05; and

WHEREAS, Broward County issued Emergency Order 20-08, applicable in both the incorporated and unincorporated areas of Broward County, which provided for a relaxation of restrictions of certain parks, marinas and waterways and golf courses on April 28, 2020, but permitted the municipalities to enact stricter regulations if needed; and

WHEREAS, to provide consistency throughout Broward County, the City desires to follow the County’s Order except, consistent with neighboring cities, to impose a few minor additional restrictions as spelled out below; and
WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2-25, “Declaration of City-wide State of Emergency,” the Mayor may, concurrent with or subsequent to the declaration of a City-wide State of Emergency, delineate mandatory evacuation zones, and/or set curfews and restrictions within the City in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that I, Louis Sarbone, Mayor of the City of Coconut Creek, Florida, confirm the existence of a proclaimed City-wide “STATE OF EMERGENCY” and do hereby state as follows:

(1) Broward County Emergency Order 20-08 shall be effective in the City of Coconut Creek subject to social distancing protocols and the recommendation that masks be worn whenever a six foot distance cannot be maintained as recommended by the CDC Guidelines. The following exceptions to Broward County’s Emergency Order shall apply in Coconut Creek:

   (a) Neighborhood parks shall remain closed (see Attachment A to this Proclamation for a complete list of open city parks); and
   (b) Basketball courts, volleyball courts, playgrounds, splash pads, exercise stations, fitness centers, sports fields, picnic shelters, and dog parks shall remain closed.

(2) The City’s Curfew that was created by Proclamation signed by Mayor Louis Sarbone on March 20, 2020, is hereby repealed in its entirety.

Section 1: That this proclamation shall take effect immediately and automatically terminate upon the termination of the City-wide State of Emergency, unless the State of Emergency is extended by the Mayor or extended or repealed by formal action of the City Commission.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand
and caused the seal of the City of Coconut Creek to be affixed
this 28th day of April, 2020.

Louis Sarbone, Mayor