

DECLARATION OF A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the 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, in response to the recent COVID-19 outbreak, the Governor of the State of Florida has declared a public health emergency in the State of Florida (Governor Executive Order Number 20-51), and has issued a statement recommending that local municipalities and private entities strongly consider limiting or postponing mass gatherings in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the National Center for Disease Control has advised that older adults and persons with serious chronic medical conditions such as heart disease, diabetes, and lung disease, are at higher risk of getting sick from COVID-19, and should take extra precautions to avoid being exposed to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, public health experts agree that mass gatherings with people making sustained close contact are a place where COVID-19 can easily infect many people quickly and continue its spread; and

WHEREAS, Section 4.6.4 of the City's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan, Revision 5.0, provides for the Mayor to issue a Declaration of a Local State of Emergency when known or anticipated conditions will require that emergency measures be implemented; and

WHEREAS, I, as the Mayor of The City of Daytona Beach, have determined that emergency measures must be taken to protect the health and safety of the population.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF DAYTONA BEACH:

SECTION 1. A local state of emergency is declared for the City of Daytona Beach.

SECTION 2. The local state of emergency shall continue for seven days unless sooner terminated or extended by order of the City Commission.

SECTION 3. The emergency measures set forth in Section 2-3, City Code may be implemented as necessary.

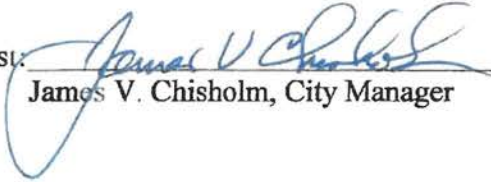
SECTION 4. At all times while this Declaration of a Local State of Emergency is in effect the following emergency measures to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 shall apply throughout the City:

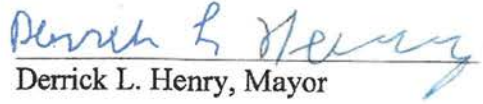
- a. The City is suspending all of its dedicated programs for senior citizens due to the heightened COVID-19 risks associated with seniors while this Declaration is in effect. Senior citizen programs being suspended include all Senior Oasis meetings, daily fitness programs, recreation classes, and social events for seniors at City facilities.
- b. The City is canceling or postponing all public or private community events at City parks and City owned facilities while this Declaration is in effect. For purposes of this Declaration a “community event” is any event or convening that brings together 100 or more persons in a single room or indoor space, or in a contained outdoor space, at the same time, at a City park or City owned facility such as the Peabody Auditorium, Municipal Stadium, the Bandshell, Jackie Robinson Stadium, and City community centers and recreation facilities. This definition does not include City administrative buildings or offices, or leased commercial space within City owned buildings.

- c. All persons or private entities scheduling mass gatherings on private property with 100 or more individuals anticipated to be in attendance are strongly encouraged to postpone or cancel such events within the City because of the COVID-19 outbreak.
- d. Effective as of 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 14, 2020, the City is revoking all City permits for outdoor events occurring while this Declaration is in effect, including outdoor activities permitted under Resolution 2020-32 and 2020-33, related to the 2020 Bike Week; all Outdoor Events Permits and Facility Use Permits issued under Chapter 82 of the Code of Ordinances; and all Outside Temporary Promotional Activities Permits issued under Article 5 of the Land Development Code.
- e. The City is suspending issuance of all new Outdoor Events Permits and Facility Use Permits under Chapter 82 of the Code of Ordinances, and Outside Temporary Promotional Activities Permits under Article 5 of the Land Development Code, while this Declaration is in effect.
- f. All City departments should be ready to implement strategies to protect their workforce from COVID-19 while ensuring continuity of operations. Employees exhibiting flu-like or other respiratory symptoms should stay home and away from the workplace.
- g. The provision of utility services to City utility customers shall not be discontinued or disconnected due to non-payment of fees while this Declaration is in effect.

SECTION 5. This Declaration shall take effect immediately upon its issuance.

Signed this 13th day of March 2020.

Attest: 
James V. Chisholm, City Manager


Derrick L. Henry, Mayor