

RESOLUTION 20-103

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, EXTENDING AND MODIFYING THE CITY'S COVID-19 ACTION PLAN AS MORE FULLY SET FORTH IN THE BODY OF THE RESOLUTION; EXTENDING THE PROHIBITION OF SPECIAL EVENTS AND PARADES; AMENDING THE CITY'S HIRING MORATORIUM; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATELY EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Panama City Beach ("City") is a municipality granted home rule authority pursuant to Article VIII, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Florida and may exercise its governmental, corporate, and proprietary powers for municipal purposes, including to regulate for the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization, U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary, President of the United States, Governor of the State of Florida, and Bay County have all declared the outbreak of the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, to be an international, national, state, and local emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the City Council adopted Resolution 20-80E which adopted a COVID-19 Action Plan and prohibited special events and parades until May 1, 2020 with such actions extended until May 15 by the adoption of Resolution 20-98; and

WHEREAS, on May 4, 2020, the Governor of the State of Florida issued Executive Order 20-112 enacting the "Phase 1: Safe. Smart. Step-By-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery" which encourages responsible individual recreational activity subject to strict social distancing and limits on congregations; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that Resolution 20-80E, Ordinance 1519-E, and Resolution 20-87 have been effective measures to protect the public health, safety and welfare for the City's residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, considering the continuing emergency facing the City and surrounding community, the City Council deems it necessary to continue restrictions on special events, parades, and sporting events while also

allowing certain essential recreation activities to take place under strict safety measures.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Panama City Beach, Florida as follows:

1. The COVID-19 Action Plan as adopted by Resolution 20-80E is hereby extended and modified by the Revised COVID-19 Action Plan attached and incorporated herein as Exhibit A to this Resolution. This Resolution supersedes any conflicting provisions in Resolution 20-80E or the COVID-19 Action Plan adopted therein. This Action shall plan shall remain in effect until June 1, 2020 unless such date is extended by Resolution of the City Council.

2. Resolution 20-80E, Section 2, related to the prohibition of parades and Special Events, is hereby extended until June 1, 2020 unless such date is extended by Resolution of the City Council.

3. Resolution 20-84, Section 1.a., related to the City's Hiring Moratorium, is hereby amended to read as follows (new text **bold and underlined**, deleted text ~~struckthrough~~):

1. Hiring Moratorium. The City hereby implements a hiring moratorium across all departments and positions for the remainder of the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020 subject to the following exemptions:

a. Essential positions, previously approved and budgeted by the City Council ~~in the Police and Fire Departments~~. Essential positions shall be those necessary to ensure an adequate level of municipal services or which directly affect the health and safety of the City's guests and residents as determined by the City Manager.

THIS RESOLUTION shall be effective immediately upon passage.

PASSED in regular session this 14th day of May, 2020.

CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH

By: _____

Mark Sheldon, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jo Smith
Jo Smith, Interim City Clerk