

RESOLUTION 2020-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA DECLARING A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY DUE TO CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) AND GIVING AUTHORITY TO THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO WAIVE TIME REQUIREMENTS PROVIDED IN THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES.

WHEREAS, over the last several weeks, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis has issued several Executive Orders, declaring a public health emergency in the State of Florida and providing directives to address the emergency, which continue to be in effect; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the City Council adopted a Resolution declaring that a State of Emergency exists in the City of Okeechobee, and authorizing the Mayor to extend it; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor extended the Emergency declaration until April 7, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 29, 2020, the President of the United States stated that federal guidance urging social distancing measures will stay in place through April 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, mitigating the effects of COVID-19 is a high priority in the City of Okeechobee; and

WHEREAS, there are a number of deadlines provided in the City Code of Ordinances which may need to be extended, due to the modified state of operations in the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Okeechobee:

Section 1: The above recitals are true and correct and incorporated in this Resolution.

Section 2: The City Council and the Chief of Police of the City of Okeechobee hereby reenact and extend the State of Emergency that exists in the City of Okeechobee under Resolution No. 2020-02 and amend it as provided in this Resolution. This Resolution and declaration shall remain in effect until the next City Council meeting, unless the Mayor terminates it earlier.

Section 3: The City Council hereby grants the authority to the City Administrator, in his sole discretion, to extend any time period required under the City of Okeechobee Code of Ordinances until the termination or expiration of this Resolution declaring a State of Emergency within the City of Okeechobee. Any such waiver shall be stated in writing and shall be provided to any applicant or affected person.

Section 4: During the time that this State of Emergency is in effect, the Chief of Police may undertake any one or more of the emergency actions provided for in Florida Statutes.

Section 5: This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

APPROVED and ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Okeechobee, Florida, on this 7th day of April 2020.


Dowling R. Watford, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:


Lane Gamiotea, CMC, City Clerk

REVIEWED FOR LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:


John J. Fumero, City Attorney