



**CITY OF KEY WEST
STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY DIRECTIVE 2020-06**

WHEREAS, Section 252.38(3)(a), Florida Statutes, gives political subdivisions the authority to declare and enact a State of Local Emergency for periods of up to seven days, thereby waiving the procedures and formalities otherwise required of the political subdivision by law; and

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2020, the Governor of Florida, Ron Desantis, issued Executive Order Number 20-51, directing the State Health Officer and Surgeon General to declare a Public Health Emergency due to the discovery of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19); in Florida; and

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2020, the State Health Officer and Surgeon General issued a Declaration of Public Health Emergency, stating that COVID-19 is a threat to public health in Florida;

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, the Governor of Florida issued Executive Order Number 20-52, declaring a State of Emergency because of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020, at 3:15 p.m. the City of Key West declared a State of Local Emergency in accordance with Florida Statute 252.38 and City of Key West Resolution No 2007-182; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) initially issued guidance entitled "15 Days to Slow the Spread," encouraging social distancing and maintaining a 6-foot separation between residents to slow the spread of infection and that event and/or social gatherings of groups of more than 10 people and then extended the guidance for an additional 30 days;

WHEREAS, Federal, State and local governments continue to issue emergency orders for protective measures as COVID-19 continues impact lives and the resources needed to protect citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City of Key West continues to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and thus far has issued emergency directives 2020-01, 2020-02 & 2020-03, 2020-04 and 2020-05; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 252.38 grants the City the ability to extend the local state of emergency to insure the health, safety and welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, on March 22, March 29, April 5, 2020, April 12, April 19, and April 26th, the Mayor extended the City of Key West's local state of emergency for additional 7-day periods; and

WHEREAS, since the inception of the original declaration of a state of local emergency, the State of Florida has seen an increase in the number of COVID-19, while the number of cases in Key West has remained low because of the responsible actions of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, on April 16, 2020 the White House suggested "Guidelines for Opening Up America Again", which recommend minimum standards moving forward with the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, City of Key West Emergency Directive 2020-01 closed all public beaches and parks, among other things; and

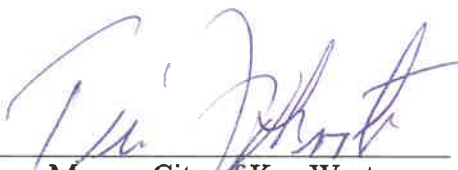
WHEREAS, in a first step to restoring our City, the physical and mental health of our residents is best served by reopening our public recreational facilities, parks and beaches while requiring individuals to continue to physically distance from each other in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19; and

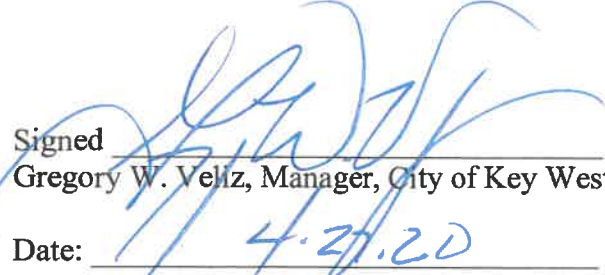
WHEREAS, our resident's ability to responsibly utilize these public resources while appropriately distancing will be a key factor in moving to additional phases of relaxing restrictions; and

NOW THEREFORE,

1. All public recreational facilities, beaches and parks within the City of Key West may be opened under the following conditions:
 - A. Except for immediate family members, all individuals shall maintain at least six feet of distance between them. Immediate family members are defined as individual and spouse, domestic partner, parents, children, or legal guardians who reside in the same household, and inclusive of children whose custody is shared between two parents in different households;
 - B. All persons, excepting immediate family, shall not congregate in groups of more than 10, even while maintaining physical distancing;
 - C. Playgrounds shall remain closed;
 - D. Restrooms at these facilities shall remain closed;
 - E. Public pools and splash pads shall remain closed;

- F. Organized activities or events and these facilities continue to be prohibited;
 - G. Basketball courts shall remain closed;
 - H. Tennis Courts may be utilized for singles play only;
 - I. As a reminder, alcoholic beverages are prohibited at all public recreational facilities, parks and beaches;
 - J. Wherever practical, individuals shall wear protective coverings over their face and nose when interacting with others;
2. The City Manager or his designee shall immediately close any beach, park or recreational facility where individuals fail to maintain appropriate physical distancing. The City Manager or his designee may also prohibit any individual from utilizing the facilities who fails to physical distance or abide by any other promulgated Order, Directive, ordinance or law. Violation of this order may also result in a second-degree misdemeanor as provided by law.
 3. All individuals shall also abide the most recent Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidance for social distancing. In the event of conflict between this directive and the CDC guidelines, the more restrictive guidance shall control.
 4. The conditions specified herein shall be assessed daily and this directive shall remain in effect until superseded, repealed or upon expiration of the local state of emergency, including any extensions thereof.

Signed 
 Teri Johnston, Mayor, City of Key West
 Date: 4-27-20
 Time: 2:26 PM

Signed 
 Gregory W. Veliz, Manager, City of Key West
 Date: 4.27.20
 Time: 2:21 pm

Effective 3:00 p.m. on Monday April 27, 2020.