CITY OF COOPER CITY

STATE OF EMERGENCY – EMERGENCY ORDER #5

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis signed Executive Order No. 20-52, thereby declaring a public health emergency in the State of Florida due to public health threat resulting from the spread of the Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”); and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, Broward County Administrator Bertha Henry declared a state of emergency in Broward County; and

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2020, the City Manager of the City of Cooper City (the “City”) declared a state of emergency pursuant to Chapter 13, Article V of the City’s Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 252.46, F.S., and Chapter 13 of the City’s Code of Ordinances, the City Manager has the authority to issue emergency orders with the force of law; and

WHEREAS, on April 6, 2020, the City Manager issued Emergency Order #4, thereby strongly urging citizens, residents and visitors of the City to wear cloth face coverings; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens and residents of the City to require all individual in the City to wear face coverings, with limited exception, as set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Manager of the City of Cooper City, pursuant to the authority set forth in Ch. 252, F.S., and Chapter 13, Article V of the City’s Code of Ordinances, and all other applicable laws, promulgates the following Emergency Order to take effect immediately:

Section 1: Covering of the Nose and Mouth:

a. All persons outside of their homes within the City of Cooper City are strongly urged to wear cloth masks or other cloth face coverings consistent with the current CDC and Florida Department of Health guidelines for personal protective equipment.

b. All employees and customers of grocery stores, pharmacies, and restaurants are required to wear a form of covering over their nose and mouth at all times while inside the grocery store, pharmacy, or restaurant facility. All individuals providing take-out and delivery services shall wear a form of covering over their nose and mouth while processing orders and making deliveries.
c. In addition to the requirements applicable to grocery stores, pharmacies, and restaurants, employees and customers of all other essential retail and commercial establishments are strongly encouraged to wear a form of covering over the nose and mouth.

d. The requirements of this Order shall not apply to any outdoor activity permitted under any applicable City, County, or State order, except as provided herein with respect to persons providing delivery services.

e. Nothing herein shall operate to restrict any employee or customer from accessing any essential retail or commercial establishment to address any emergency or other exigent circumstance, even if a covering over the nose and mouth is not readily accessible at the time of such emergency or other exigent circumstance.

f. A covering over the nose and mouth may include a face mask, homemade mask, or other cloth covering, such as a scarf, bandana, handkerchief or other similar cloth covering.

g. Medical and surgical face masks, such as “N95” masks or other similar medical or surgical masks, are in short supply and should be reserved for health care personnel and other first responders with the greatest need for such personal protective equipment. Persons are encouraged to review and comply with the CDC and Florida Department of Health guidelines on personal protective equipment, including with respect to the use of a medical or surgical face mask, such as an “N95” mask or other similar medical or surgical mask.

Section 2: This Order shall supersede City Emergency Order #4, issued on April 6, 2020. It shall further supplement the City’s “Safer at Home” order issued on March 26, 2020, as well as all prior emergency/executive orders of the City, Broward County and the State of Florida.

Section 3: Any violation of any rule or regulation issued and set forth herein shall be punishable as provides in Ch. 252, F.S. and the City’s Code of Ordinances.

Section 4: The orders and provisions of this Emergency Order, and all prior City Emergency Orders, may be enforced within the boundaries of the City of Cooper City by the Broward Sheriff’s Office, as the City’s law enforcement agency.

Section 5: This Order shall remain in place as long as the State of Emergency remains in effect in the City.

ORDERED AND FILED with the City Clerk of the City of Cooper City on the 10 day of April 2020.

JOSEPH NAPOLI
City Manager