CITY OF COOPER CITY

STATE OF EMERGENCY – EMERGENCY ORDER

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 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 outbreak a global pandemic; 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, on March 17, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis signed Executive Order No. 20-68, thereby suspending the sale of alcoholic beverages at bars, pubs and nightclubs for thirty (30) days, limiting gatherings on public beaches, limiting restaurant occupancy, and requiring social distancing and employee screening, among other things; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Executive Order No. 20-68, all bars and nightclubs in the State of Florida are ordered to be closed for thirty (30) days; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 252.46, F.S., and Chapter 13 of the City’s Code of Ordinances, the City Manager, as the official who previously declared a state of emergency in the City, has the authority to issue emergency orders with the force of law; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has physically contaminated property in Florida contributing to the need for closure of certain businesses, as detailed in the Governor’s Executive Orders, and as further 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 Orders to take effect immediately:

1. The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein and expressly made a part hereof.
2. The City Manager is authorized to issue further emergency orders, as deemed necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens and residents of Cooper City.

3. The City Manager hereby reaffirms the State of Emergency declared in the City on March 14, 2020; and affirms that a State of Emergency continues to exist in the City of Cooper City.

4. In accordance with the State of Emergency declared in the City, the City has imposed the following closures, restrictions and limitations:

   a. All organized athletic activities at City parks have been cancelled.
   b. The Pool and Tennis Center has been closed until further notice.
   c. The City’s three (3) sports complexes have been closed until further notice.
   d. All Spring Break camps and kids’ day off programs have been cancelled.
   e. The City has stopped accepting any rental applications for use of City facilities.
   f. Cooper Academy has been postponed until further notice.
   g. All passport services at City Hall have been suspended until further notice.
   h. The issuance of special event permits, including garage sale permits, has been suspended until further notice.
   i. All boards and committee meetings have been cancelled until further notice.

5. Effective on March 19, 2020 at 5:00 p.m., all gyms, fitness centers, fitness studios, dance studios and gymnasiums located within the City shall close until further notice. This paragraph shall not apply to gymnasiums, fitness centers, and fitness studios which: (a) are amenities of office buildings and which have a capacity of 10 persons or less; or (b) are an amenity of residential buildings, including homeowners associations.

ORDERED AND FILED with the City Clerk of the City of Cooper City on the 15th day of March 2020.

JOSEPH NAPOLI
City Manager