ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER OF THE CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA
RELATING TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY 20-51 (COVID)
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 20-11

Consistent with the Governor of Florida’s Executive Order No. 20-51, as extended, modified, or amended, under the authority granted by the City of St. Augustine’s Charter, Article IV, Division 4, and pursuant to Resolution 2020-10, the City Manager, or the Assistant City Manager as designated by the City Charter, or their designee, may make administrative orders and rules that have the full force and effect of local law during the pendency of a federal, state or local emergency or public health emergency. All existing laws, ordinances, and rules inconsistent with the provisions of sections 252.31-252.90, Florida Statutes, or identified as inconsistent with the directives of the State Health Officer and Surgeon General pursuant to their authority under Chapter 381, Florida Statutes, shall be suspended during the period of time and to the extent that such conflict exists. The City Manager, Assistant City Manager, or their designee, may issue administrative orders in support of these public health emergency directives to provide more efficient and orderly preparedness and recovery. Consistent with public health emergency directives of the State of Florida, the City Manager or designee may waive the procedures and formalities otherwise required, when reasonably necessary to preserve the health and welfare of the public.

Consistent with City of St. Augustine Resolutions 2020-22, the City Manager, or their designee, specifically authorizes the following:

1) Every person working, living, visiting, or doing business in the City of St. Augustine shall wear a face covering in any indoor location, other than their home or residence, when not maintaining social distancing from other person(s), excluding family members or companions.

2) Nothing herein shall require or allow a person to wear a face covering so as to conceal the identity of the wearer in violation of Chapter 876, Florida Statutes.

3) All businesses are encouraged to prohibit entry of any person who is not wearing a face covering with the exception of those below listed persons:
   a. Persons under the age of two years.
   b. Persons observing social distancing in accordance with CDC guidelines.
   c. Persons for whom a face covering would cause impairment due to an existing health condition.
   d. Persons working in a business or profession who do not have interactions with other persons.
   e. Persons working in a business or profession who maintain social distancing from another person.
   f. Persons working in a business or profession where use of a face covering would prevent them from performing the duties of the business or profession.
   g. Persons exercising, while maintaining social distancing.
   h. Persons eating or drinking.
   i. Public safety, fire and other life safety and health care personnel, as their personal protective equipment requirements will be governed by their respective agencies.
   j. The requirement shall not apply when a person who is hearing impaired needs to see the mouth of someone wearing a face covering in order to communicate.
   k. The requirement does not apply to any outdoor activity permitted under City, County, or State order, but face coverings should be readily available when coming within six (6) feet of an individual not part of a person’s immediate family or cohabitating living unit.
4) Pursuant to Sec. 252.46, Florida Statutes, this Order shall have the full force and effect of law, and pursuant to Chapter 2, Article VI, of the Code of the City of St. Augustine, a violation of this Order shall be a non-criminal civil infraction, enforceable under Chapter 2, Article VI, Division 2, of the City Code, which carries a penalty of up to a $500.00 fine.

Any administrative action taken on or after the effective date of Resolution 2020-10, is hereby ratified.

This Administrative Order shall become effective on June 27, 2020, at 12:01 AM and shall remain in effect in the City of St. Augustine for so long as a state of emergency is in effect or unless otherwise modified or repealed.

Filed in the office of the City Clerk, of the City of St. Augustine, this 26th day of June, 2020.

John Regan, City Manager

ATTEST:
Darlene Galambos, City Clerk

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