

SARASOTA COUNTY GOVERNMENT

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER EXTENDING SUSPENSION OF TEMPORARY USE PERMIT FEES IN SARASOTA COUNTY

1. Sarasota County requires Temporary Use Permits for limited, temporary, outdoor commercial activities pursuant to Chapter 124 of the County Code of Ordinances.
2. On October 8, 2019, Sarasota County adopted Resolution No. 2019-203, setting a schedule of fees and penalties relating to the review, issuance, and inspection of permits, permit amendments, and enforcement remedies, including requiring fees for Temporary Use Permits
3. Declarations of Emergency to institute measures to prevent the spread of the recent Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) have been issued by the President of the United States and the Governor of the State of Florida, and Sarasota County has declared a local state of emergency to protect the health and safety of staff and the general public.
4. Consistent with the social distancing requirements of the Governor’s Executive Order 20-123, retail businesses are allowed to operate at 50 percent of building capacity
5. Consistent with the social distancing requirements of the Governor’s Executive Order 20-139, restaurants are allowed to operate dine-in services with full outdoor seating and indoor seating allowed at 50 percent of building capacity.
6. To assist in the reopening and economic recovery of local businesses, to benefit the health, safety and welfare of the general public, and to implement streamlined administrative procedures for Temporary Use Permits for restaurants and retail businesses conducting outdoor services, the Board of County Commissioners of Sarasota County adopted Resolution No. 2020-101, which temporarily suspended the fees in Resolution No. 2019-203 for Temporary Use Permits for restaurant outdoor dining and outdoor displays at retail businesses.
7. The suspension of fees for Temporary Use Permits adopted in Resolution No. 2019-203 is set to expire on July 31, 2020. The Board of County Commissioners does not meet until August 26, 2020.
8. Section 252.38, Florida Statutes, authorizes Sarasota County to declare a state of local emergency, and further authorizes Sarasota County to take whatever prudent action is necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the community during a declared emergency.
9. The Board of County Commissioners of Sarasota County, through the Sarasota County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan, has delegated to the County Administrator the authority to

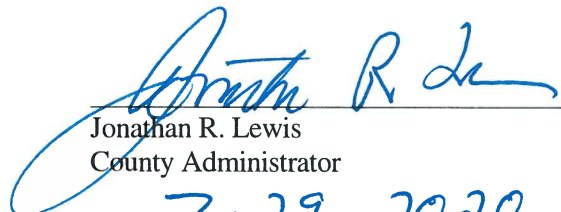
declare a state of local emergency in Sarasota County. Pursuant to that authority, I initially declared a state of local emergency in Sarasota County on March 15, 2020 and have extended the declaration every seven days thereafter to the present.

NOW, THEREFORE, UNDER THE AUTHORITY SPECIFIED HEREIN, I, Jonathan R. Lewis, Sarasota County Administrator, do hereby order:

The suspension of fees associated with Temporary Use Permits as set forth in Resolution No. 2020-101 shall be extended to September 30, 2020.

This order, and the restrictions contained herein, shall remain in force until an expiration of a declared state of emergency or until further action by the Board of County Commissioners on or before September 30, 2020.

Approved:


Jonathan R. Lewis
County Administrator
7-29-2020
Date