ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER OF THE CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA

RELATING TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY 20-51 (COVID)

COSA ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER No. 2020-09

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.

Effective immediately and for a period of thirty days, licensed restaurants may reduce their parking area to create temporary outdoor dining, and licensed restaurants with insufficient or no parking area may enter into agreements with other property owners to create temporary outdoor dining areas in proximity of their restaurants. Other private property may be converted to temporary dining areas subject to review by the City’s Planning Department. Restaurant owners and private property owners (if they are different) must notify the City at planningandbuilding@citystaug.com prior to converting to temporary dining areas, and include the following information:

1) The location of the temporary dining area,
2) The name of the restaurant associated with the location,
3) The name of the private property owner of the area (if different),
4) The hours of operation of the temporary dining area,
5) The responsible party contact information.

In addition to private parking lots, the City may open-up its City parking lots to provide temporary outdoor dining areas for restaurants, in a case-by-case basis if deemed appropriate, safe, and suitable by the City Manager or the City Manager’s designee. During the effective period, the City’s minimum parking requirements will be suspended, and the area identified as temporary outdoor dining will not be considered a parking lot. Restaurant owners and private property owners are responsible for providing adequate insurance for their operations on and off-site, and compliance with all other local, state, and
federal law. Public sidewalks, walkways, streets, on-street parking, and right-of-way, are not to be used as food service or beverage service areas. The City's drinking in public ordinance will be enforced.

If the Governor of Florida terminates capacity restrictions of restaurants prior to the expiration of this order, the use of temporary dining areas shall be suspended, and all previous regulations shall resume.

Filed in the office of the City Clerk, of the City of St. Augustine, this ___day of ___May___, 2020.

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John Regan, City Manager