

# **TOWN OF PALM BEACH, FLORIDA**

**July 14, 2020**

## **EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 2020-03 RESTRICTION OF HOURS FOR ALCOHOL AND FOOD SERVICE**

WHEREAS, the 2019 Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) is a severe, acute respiratory illness that can spread among humans through respiratory transmission and presents with symptoms similar to those of influenza; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 poses a danger to life and the economic well-being of Palm Beach residents; and

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-51, declaring that appropriate measures to control the spread of COVID-19 in the State of Florida are necessary, and therefore directed that a Public Health Emergency be declared in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-52, declaring a State of Emergency in the State of Florida regarding the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Chief of Police of the Town of Palm Beach, pursuant to the authority of Section 58-41 of the Town Code of Ordinances, declared a state of emergency exists within the corporate boundaries of the Town; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, the Town Council of the Town of Palm Beach executed Resolution No. 21-2020, concurring with the request of the Town's Chief of Police to extend the declaration of a state of emergency within the corporate boundaries of the Town to May 13, 2020, unless earlier terminated by the Chief of Police; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has subsequently extended the state of emergency with the approval of the Town Council and the state of emergency currently continues to be in effect; and

WHEREAS, of today the spread of COVID-19 has not been contained and remains a threat to the public health, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, on July 14, 2020, the Palm Beach County Administer issued order 2020-014 finding it was appropriate to limit the hours that restaurants and food establishments may serve food and alcohol for on-premises consumption, prohibiting said service from 11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, given a significant increase in positive reported cases of COVID-19 within our County and the State as a whole, and after discussion with the Town Council, I find it necessary to impose stricter limits on hours that restaurants and food establishments may serve food and alcohol for on-premises consumption for the safety of the public; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 252.38, Florida Statutes and Section 58-41 of the Town's Code of Ordinances, and the Governor's Orders (including Paragraph 8 of the Governor's Executive Order 20-70), the Chief of Police has the power to issue emergency orders with the force of law.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I hereby **ORDER** and **PROMULGATE** the following additional emergency measures, effective at 12:01 am on July 16, 2020 (the Order):

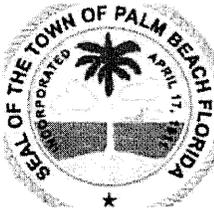
**Section 1.**

No establishment permitted to serve alcohol for on-site consumption, whether indoor or outdoor, shall serve alcohol between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. No establishment permitted to serve food for on-site consumption, whether indoor or outdoor, shall serve food between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. Nothing in this section prohibits delivery, drive-through, pick-up, or take-out services, for off-site consumption.

**Section 2.** This Order is in addition to and supplements the Town's Emergency Orders and Declarations. All requirements of Town Emergency Orders, County Orders, and Governor's Orders shall be strictly adhered to at all times.

**Section 3.** This Emergency Order is effective as of 12:01 am on July 16, 2020 and shall remain in full force and effect until terminated. This order is enforceable by the Town of Palm Beach Police Department.

ORDERED at 6:00 pm on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July 2020.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "N. Caristo", is written over a horizontal line.

Nicholas Caristo  
Chief of Police  
Town of Palm Beach