

**CITY OF LAUDERHILL
DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY
(SOE 20-16 12th 7-DAY EXTENSION RE: COVID-19
AND EXPAND TO INCLUDE CIVIL UNREST)**

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020 at 5:52 p.m., Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order Number 20-52 activating the Florida Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and declaring that a State of Emergency exists in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Broward County Board of County Commissioners issued a Declaration of Emergency declaring Broward County under a Local State of Emergency on March 10, 2020 at 12:25 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2020 at 11:30 a.m., the City of Lauderhill declared a State of Emergency as to the Public Health Emergency (hereinafter referred to as SOE 20-01); and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020 at 2:40 p.m., the City of Lauderhill declared an actual State of Emergency (hereinafter referred to as SOE 20-02), based upon the Governor's Executive Order Number 20-52; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 8½ - 3(c), declarations of a state of emergency shall be for a period of time not to exceed seven (7) days at a time and may be extended for additional periods of time not to exceed seven (7) day increments; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020 at 2:40 p.m., the City of Lauderhill declared the first seven (7) day extension of the Declaration of a State of Emergency (SOE 20-03) in the City of Lauderhill effective through March 24, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2020 at 2:25 p.m., the City of Lauderhill declared the second seven (7) day extension of the Declaration of a State of Emergency (SOE 20-04) in the City of Lauderhill effective through March 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2020 at 12:30 p.m., the City of Lauderhill declared the third seven (7) day extension of the Declaration of a State of Emergency (SOE 20-06) in the City of Lauderhill effective through April 7, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on April 7, at 1:05 p.m., the City of Lauderhill declared the fourth seven (7) day extension of the Declaration of a State of Emergency (SOE 20-07) in the City of Lauderhill effective through April 14, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on April 14, at 10:16 a.m., the City of Lauderhill declared the fifth seven (7) day extension of the Declaration of a State of Emergency (SOE 20-09) in the City of Lauderhill effective through April 21, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on April 21, at 8:45 a.m., the City of Lauderhill declared the sixth seven (7) day extension of the Declaration of a State of Emergency (SOE 20-10) in the City of Lauderhill effective through April 21, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on April 28, at 9:00 a.m., the City of Lauderhill declared the seventh seven (7) day extension of the Declaration of a State of Emergency (SOE 20-11) in the City of Lauderhill effective through May 5, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on May 5, at 9:25 a.m., the City of Lauderhill declared the eighth seven (7) day extension of the Declaration of a State of Emergency (SOE 20-12) in the City of Lauderhill effective through May 12, 2020, which also announced some Phase 1 re-openings; and

WHEREAS on May 12, 2020 at 11:30 a.m., the City of Lauderhill declared the ninth seven (7) day extension of the Declaration of a State of Emergency (SOE 20-13) in the City of Lauderhill effective through May 19, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on May 14, 2020, Broward County issued Emergency Order 20-10 (EO 20-10) authorizing certain re-openings within Broward County, which authorizes municipalities to impose stricter provisions; and

WHEREAS, on May 19, 2020, at 11:00 a.m., the City of Lauderhill declared the tenth seven (7) day extension of the Declaration of a State of Emergency (SOE 20-14) in the City of Lauderhill effective through May 26, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on May 26, 2020, at 2:15 p.m., the City of Lauderhill declared the eleventh seven (7) day extension of the Declaration of a State of Emergency (SOE 20-15) in the City of Lauderhill effective through June 2, 2020; and

WHEREAS this SOE 20-16 extends the Declaration of a State of Emergency for the twelfth seven (7) day extension of the Declaration of a State of Emergency in the City of Lauderhill regarding COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, since the death of George Floyd on May 25, 2020, numerous protests, riots and displays of civil unrest have occurred across the country, in the State of Florida, and in Broward County; and

WHEREAS, on May 31, 2020, Broward County issued a Declaration of Emergency regarding the civil unrest causing a clear and present threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the people of Broward County and imposed a curfew throughout the county; and

WHEREAS, Florida Statutes, Chapter 252 authorizes political subdivisions to declare and enact a state of local emergency for a period of up to seven days, thereby waiving the procedures and formalities otherwise required of a political subdivision, regarding disasters which include "a civil emergency"; and

WHEREAS, Florida Statutes, Section 870.043 authorizes municipalities to declare a state of emergency if there is reason to believe there exists clear and present danger of a riot or other general public disorder, widespread disobedience of the law, and substantial injury to persons or to property, all of which constitute a threat to public peace and order and the general welfare; and

WHEREAS, in an abundance of caution, and in the event that peaceful protests in reaction to George Floyd's death become unruly, escalate, become uncontrollable or unmanageable, and in the interests of the safety of the residents of the City of Lauderhill and the public in general, the City of Lauderhill hereby declares a Local State of Emergency in the event that it is necessary to seek reimbursement for any qualifying expenses incurred in response to any breach of the peace, disorderly conduct, civil unrest, rioting, widespread disobedience of the law, or other behaviors that may imperil the public safety of individuals and/or real and/or personal property within the City of Lauderhill;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Desorae Giles-Smith, the Interim City Manager of the City of Lauderhill, effective at 12:50 a.m./p.m. on Tuesday, June 2, 2020, do hereby:

1. Extend the Declaration of the STATE OF EMERGENCY which continues to exist in the City of Lauderhill regarding COVID-19 for the twelfth seven (7) day extension through June 9, 2020, unless otherwise terminated or extended.
2. Expand the Declaration of the Local State of Emergency to also apply due to the potential for widespread breach of the peace, disorderly conduct, civil unrest, rioting, widespread disobedience of the law, or other behaviors that may imperil the public safety of individuals and/or real and/or personal property within the City of Lauderhill in relation to protests in reaction to the death of George Floyd.


Desorae Giles-Smith
Interim City Manager

Attest:



Andrea Anderson
City Clerk

Signed and Sealed this 2nd day of June, 2020 at the City of Lauderhill, Broward County, Florida, with a copy to be kept on file in the City Clerk's Office. A copy of this Order shall be delivered to the appropriate media for publication and posted.