

# EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 2020-1

March 16, 2020

**To:** All Elected Officials, Department Heads, Division Chiefs, Independent Agencies, Authorities, Boards, Commissions, and Councils

**From:** Lenny Curry, Mayor

**Subject:** Emergency Capacity Reduction and Alcohol Sales Limitation

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Pursuant to Section 674.206, Jacksonville Ordinance Code, on March 13, 2020, I issued Emergency Proclamation 2020-001, which proclaimed and declared a public emergency in the City of Jacksonville concerning the threat to the City's citizens, resources and general welfare posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. Once this emergency was declared, Section 674.206, Jacksonville Ordinance Code, grants me the authority to issue such executive orders, proclamations and regulations as I deem reasonable and necessary to fulfill my solemn responsibility to protect the City from this emergency threat. During the term of this emergency period, these emergency executive orders, proclamations and regulations have the full force and effect of law.

On March 15, 2020, the U.S. Center for Disease Control (CDC) provided guidance to reduce introduction of the COVID-19 virus into new communities and to slow the spread of infection in communities already affected by the virus. Because this virus is spread by close social contact, including among individuals who are currently asymptomatic, the CDC's guidance recommended elimination of any event or gathering where more than 50 people would be in attendance at any given time.

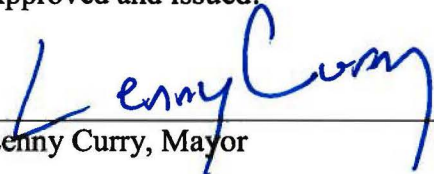
THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor by the Charter and Ordinance Code and as Chief Executive and Administrative Officer of the Consolidated Government, it is ordered:

**Effective at 5:00 P.M. on Monday, March 16, 2020, all retail, entertainment, and places of assembly within the Consolidated City (including the Beaches and Baldwin) shall be limited to a maximum capacity of 50 persons at any given time. Furthermore, I hereby suspend retail sales and commercial dispensing of alcohol, for either on-premises or off-premises consumption, between the hours of 12:00 A.M. and 8:00 A.M. each day.**

The 50-person occupancy restriction regulation does not apply to any store whose primary business is selling groceries to the general public, or to office buildings, manufacturing plants, medical facilities and any other establishment with an approved occupancy classification of less than 50 people.

The intent of these regulations is to reduce the threat of large scale exposure from high numbers of individuals gathered for social, commercial and non-essential purposes. By imposing these requirements, the CDC and other health organizations have indicated that the spread of this rapidly transmitted disease will be reduced and will lessen the impact on the City's limited health, medical and administrative resources.

Approved and issued:

  
Lenny Curry, Mayor



Approved as to form:

  
Jason Gabriel, General Counsel

Approval Date: March 16, 2020

**Effective Date: March 16, 2020  
5:00 P.M.**