



EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 2020-20

**ORDER RELATING TO THE TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF TIME LIMITATIONS FOR
LIVING OR CAMPING IN VEHICLES PARKED ON RESIDENTIAL LOTS**

WHEREAS, the Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) epidemic may cause life threatening conditions for the residents of the City of North Port; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, pursuant to Florida Statutes Chapter 252, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order Number 20-52, declaring a state of emergency in the State of Florida; directing the Division of Emergency Management to execute the State's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan; and authorizing each political subdivision within the State of Florida, pursuant to Florida Statutes Section 252.38(3)(a), to waive certain procedures and formalities otherwise required by law that are in the interest of the public health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, on September 4, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order Number 20-213, extending for 60 days the state of emergency declared in Executive Order Number 20-52, as extended by Executive Order Numbers 20-114 and 20-166, and as amended by Executive Order Number 20-192; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the City Commission adopted Ordinance No. 2020-18, declaring a state of local emergency caused by the threat posed by COVID-19, and granted the City Manager or designee the authority to take actions in accordance with Florida Statutes Section 252.38(3)(a) including extending the state of local emergency in seven-day increments; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. 2020-18, the City Manager issued twenty-four administrative declarations, each extending the state of local emergency for an additional seven days; and

WHEREAS, on September 1, 2020, the Acting City Manager issued his Administrative Declaration of Twenty-Fourth Extension of the Local State of Emergency Pursuant to Ordinance No. 2020-18, and the actions therein expired by operation of law on September 8, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on September 9, 2020, the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida adopted Ordinance No. 2020-38, declaring a state of local emergency due to the COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 2020-38 conferred on the City Manager or designee the power and authority set forth in Florida Statutes Section 252.38(3)(a); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Florida Statutes Section 252.46, the City Manager has the power to issue emergency orders with the force of the law; and

WHEREAS, this order is necessary for emergency management purposes and to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, Section 59-16(h) of the Code of the City of North Port, Florida provides that no vehicle or boat parked on a residential lot may be occupied, used as living quarters or for camping, or otherwise inhabited overnight for a period in excess of 30 consecutive days; and

WHEREAS, some City residents, including health care workers and first responders, have been potentially exposed to COVID-19 and to prevent exposing others to the virus, may choose to self-isolate in a recreational vehicle or other vehicle parked on a residential lot; and

WHEREAS, allowing a temporary suspension of the time limit for occupying, camping, or living in vehicles parked on residential lots allows eligible persons to self-isolate and protect the health and safety of their family and others, thereby benefitting the public.

IN HIS EMERGENCY AUTHORITY, THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA ORDERS:

1. The 30-day limitation on occupying, camping, or living in vehicles parked on residential lots is temporarily suspended for the following:
 - a. Health care providers and personnel at medical offices and hospitals who may have been exposed to COVID-19;
 - b. First responders who may have been exposed to COVID-19;
 - c. Persons who have been advised by a health care provider to self-quarantine due to concerns related to COVID-19; and
 - d. Persons who are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 and are seeking a medical diagnosis.
2. All persons occupying, camping, or living in vehicles parked on residential lots must comply with all other applicable laws, including the proper removal of waste and compliance with environmental regulations. This order does not suspend or waive any regulations related to the removal of waste or illegal dumping.
3. This order does not suspend or waive any other regulations related to occupying, camping, or living in vehicles parked on residential lots.
4. This order does not suspend or waive any other regulations related to camping, including Sections 46-147 through 46-149 of the Code of the City of North Port, Florida.
5. To the extent this order conflicts with any provision of the Code of the City of North Port, Florida, this order controls.

This order is effective immediately. Unless otherwise terminated, this order expires simultaneously with the expiration of the state of local emergency.

ORDERED ON AND FILED WITH THE CLERK OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2020 AT 11:30 A.M./P.M. BY



Jason Yarborough, ICMA-CM
Acting City Manager

