

CITY OF ATLANTIC BEACH, FLORIDA

March 27, 2020

**EMERGENCY ORDER
CITY COMMISSION AND OTHER CITY BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS
TIME PLACE AND RULES**

WHEREAS, Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (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, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-52, declaring a state of emergency for the entire State of Florida as a result of COVID-19 on March 9, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-69, suspending Florida statutory law requiring a quorum to be present for local government bodies to conduct official business or requiring a local government to meet at a specific public place, and further authorizing local government bodies to utilize communications media technology, such as telephonic and video conferencing, as provided in Section 120.54(5)(b)2, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Ellen Glasser and Shane Corbin, City Manager, did enter that certain Proclamation declaring a State of Emergency dated March 13, 2020, as reinstated on March 20th and March 27th, declaring a local state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlantic Beach provide for specific time and place, as well as rules of conduct governing meetings of the City Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Code of Ordinances and the Charter of the City of Atlantic Beach may provide for specific time, place and rules for public meetings of other boards and committees of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Chapter 2, Article VIII, Emergency Management, Code of Ordinances, the Mayor and City Manager do hereby issue the following emergency provisions regarding City Commission and other City board and committee meetings to take immediate effect:

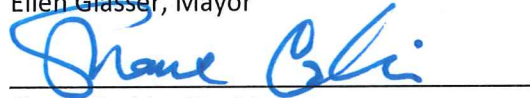
1. The provisions of Chapter 2, Article II, City Commission, Section 2-16, Time and Place of Regular Meetings, and Section 2-19, Rules of Conduct and Procedure at Meetings, are hereby suspended.
2. To the extent the Code of Ordinances or Charter of the City of Atlantic Beach provide any specific time and place requirements and rules of conduct and procedure at meetings of any other City board or committee, such provisions are hereby suspended.
3. The City Commission and other City boards and committees are hereby authorized to utilize communications media technology, such as telephonic and video conferencing, as provided for in Executive Order 20-69 issued by Governor DeSantis on March 20, 2020.

4. Pursuant to Section 2-403, Code of Ordinances, the City Manager is hereby authorized to adopt administrative rules that are deemed necessary and appropriate to implement communications media technology and to set time, place and rules of conduct and procedures for City Commission meetings and other City board and committee meetings.

5. This Emergency Order shall remain in effect for seven (7) days from the date hereof, and may be reinstated for additional periods until the Mayor and City Manager or City Commission terminate the state of local emergency by proclamation, but in no event, shall this Order extend beyond the expiration date of Governor DeSantis' Executive Order EO-20-69, including any extensions thereof.



Ellen Glasser, Mayor



Shane Corbin, City Manager

Attest:



Kevin Hogencamp, Deputy City Manager