



GOLDEN BEACH EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 7
FOR VIRTUAL MEETINGS

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Florida Governor Ron Desantis issued Executive Order 2052 declaring a state of emergency throughout the State due to the outbreak of the Coronavirus ("COVID-19"); and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020 Miami-Dade Mayor Carlos Gimenez issued a Declaration of Emergency addressing the outbreak of COVID-19 as a public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020 the Mayor of the Town of Golden Beach likewise issued a Declaration of Emergency under the powers afforded to him under the Town Charter, home rule powers and state law; and

WHEREAS, each of these declarations remain in effect and are in response to COVID-19, which is a highly contagious virus that has and continues to reach unprecedented levels throughout the world, the State of Florida, Miami-Dade County and the Town of Golden Beach; and

WHEREAS, in response to COVID-19, the U.S. Center for Disease Control and most all public health officials have established guidelines that all persons must wear protective gear, socially distance, and importantly, avoid group gatherings to limit exposure to the virus; and

WHEREAS, the Town has followed and continues to follow the CDC recommendations and those of other renowned health officials by temporarily suspending in-person public meetings, including regular and special Town Council meetings due in particular to the extremely limited size, configuration and ventilation of the Town Hall facilities, which preclude proper social distancing; and

WHEREAS, while the Town recognizes the importance of in person meetings under Florida Government in the Sunshine, the paramount concern of the Town Council is to protect the health, safety and welfare of its citizens, employees and the general public by reducing the risk of the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Town has determined that it is essential to the public's health that it continues to suspend in person meetings and conduct all public meetings through electronic and virtual technology.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE TOWN MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals Adopted. That each of the above stated recitals are hereby adopted, confirmed and incorporated herein.

Section 2. Virtual Meetings. The Town shall continue to conduct all Town Council and other board meetings (regular, special and workshops) by virtual and electronic means with the capability of the public to view and reasonably provide comment. Furthermore, to the extent that any such meetings are quasi-judicial in nature, the Town shall follow fundamental due process procedures.

Section 3. Publication of Meetings. In addition to all legal requirements for notices and publications, all notices of meetings shall include detailed instructions on public participation and access to the meetings both virtually and telephonically.

Section 4. Term. The term of this Emergency Order shall continue through December 31, 2020 unless terminated earlier by future order.

Done and Ordered this 27th day of October 2020.



Glenn Singer, Mayor