CITY OF CLEVELAND
Mayor Frank G. Jackson

PROCLAMATION OF CIVIL EMERGENCY
No. 8 Issued on 9/29/2020

RECITALS

1. **On March 11, 2020, a Proclamation of Civil Emergency was declared in the City of Cleveland due to the threat to the health and safety of all citizens caused by the outbreak of COVID-19.**

2. **The problems experienced as a result of this public health emergency continue to endanger the health, safety, and welfare of persons and property within the City of Cleveland and potentially hinder the execution of the ordinances of the City, the laws of the State of Ohio and of the United States.**

3. **Commencing at 1:00 p.m., 3/11/2020 and continuing to 11:59 p.m., 10/31/2020, the citizens of the City of Cleveland are experiencing a civil emergency due to the need to mitigate the severity and duration of COVID-19 in our City.**

PROCLAMATION

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Frank G. Jackson, Mayor of the City of Cleveland, under and by the virtue of the authority vested in me by the Ohio Constitution, the Charter and laws of the City of Cleveland do hereby proclaim that a State of Civil Emergency continues to exist within the City of Cleveland.

A. AREA AFFECTED BY THIS PROCLAMATION

I hereby proclaim that the entire area within the municipal boundaries of the City of Cleveland is covered by this proclamation.

B. LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE

All regular and auxiliary law enforcement agencies and organizations within and without the City of Cleveland are encouraged to assist in preserving the peace within the City of Cleveland by coordinating activities with Federal, State, and local health officials.

C. CIVIL EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE POLICY GROUP

There is hereby established a "Civil Emergency Executive Policy Group" consisting of Interim Chief of Staff and Finance Director Sharon Dumas, Chief of Operations Darnell Brown, Chief of Communications, Government and International Affairs Valarie J. McCall, Chief of Public Affairs Natoya Walker-Minor, Director of Law Barbara A. Langhenry, Interim Director of Public Health Brian Kimball, Director of Public Safety Karrie D. Howard, and Emergency Operations Center Manager Fred Szabo to perform the following duties:

1. **To oversee conditions during the existence of the Civil Emergency;**

2. **To make recommendations as to additional actions necessary to minimize the adverse impact of the Civil Emergency, including the issuance or amendment of City ordinances, rules, regulations, and procedures to alleviate or manage in an orderly manner the Civil Emergency.**

3. **To make recommendations to allow City property to be used to address the Civil Emergency, including the issuance of any permits, licenses, or leases and the amendment of City ordinances, rules, regulations, and procedures regarding those permits, licenses, or leases.**

4. **To make recommendations to allow the director of a department to accept gifts of money, property, or services to address the Civil Emergency and to apply for and accept grants from various entities, both public and private, for the provision of services, the purchase of goods, or the reimbursement of expenditures made by the City to address the Civil Emergency. If the acceptance or application and acceptance is recommended, the director of the relevant department is authorized to file all papers and execute all documents necessary to receive the funds under the grant or gift and, upon acceptance of the grant or gift, the grant or gift may be used for the purposes set forth by the grantor or gift-giver.**

On July 2nd, Governor DeWine introduced a Public Health Advisory System. This system is a 4-level color coded system, that identifies counties with high-risk for coronavirus.

The City of Cleveland is physically located in Cuyahoga County, is currently designated as an Orange Level. The Ohio Department of Public Health did not distinguish cities from counties.

From the positives that CDPH has confirmed, contact tracing has confirmed three areas of exposure:

1. **Parties/Social Gatherings**
2. **Out of State Travel**
3. **Bars/Restaurants**

Therefore, effective July 3rd, I declared the following:

1. **Mandatory masks for all individuals out in public or in public spaces including businesses, restaurants etc.**
2. **Maximum capacity at any bar, restaurant, entertainment venue cannot exceed 50% of allowable capacity.**
3. **Any establishment that, upon repeated incidents of violating maximum capacity order will be ordered to shut down.**
4. **Mass Gathering Orders are still in effect. If incidents of more than 10 persons are gathered not wearing masks, enforcement actions will be taken.**
5. **If an establishment has an employee or a patron, who has tested positive for Covid-19 then there has to be demonstration that they sanitized their establishment to the specifications of the Cleveland Department of Health. If they do not, they will be shut down.**
6. **People should not gather, except within the social distancing and mass gathering mandates and they should wear masks, wash their hands often.**

On July 15th, Cleveland City Council passed Ordinance No. 556-2020 which subjects persons and businesses to civil penalties for violation of the Mandated Mask, Social Distancing and Mass Gathering orders. In addition, Governor DeWine instituted a state-wide Mask Mandate on July 22nd.

D. Mass Gathering Orders, Block/Street Parties & Tailgating

Mass Gathering Orders remain in effect. ***Public and private gatherings of greater than 10 people occurring outside of a single household or living unit, including but not limited to block/street parties and tailgating events, are prohibited.*** **The City will not issue permits for tailgating events, even for groups of less than 10 persons, on any property.**

Tailgating, even for groups of less than 10 persons, is prohibited on City property, including City-owned parking lots. Vehicles will not be allowed to park prior to 2 hours before the start of a football game on any City-owned parking lot.

E. EMERGENCY PURCHASES

Upon recommendation of the Director of the appropriate Department and the Director of Finance and after justification and determination by them that the emergency need exists for the requested purchase, all purchasing and contracting requirements under Cleveland Codified Ordinance Chapters 181 and 185, and City rules, regulations or procedures are temporarily suspended to allow for entering into contracts for the procurement of materials, supplies, equipment, construction, or services immediately necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City of Cleveland.

F. PAYROLL

All codified ordinances and/or regulatory provisions are suspended as necessary to allow for the continued ability of the City to meet payroll, process insurance benefits, and pay vendors during the time of this civil emergency.

G. DURATION OF CIVIL EMERGENCY

The State of Civil Emergency proclaimed pursuant to this proclamation shall terminate at 11:59 p.m. on 10/31/2020 or upon the issuance of a proclamation by the Mayor that a Civil Emergency no longer exists, whichever occurs first. However, the Mayor may extend the Civil Emergency for such additional periods of time as determined necessary.

I, Frank G. Jackson, Mayor of the City of Cleveland, State of Ohio, affix my signature to this Proclamation on this 29th day of September 2020, at 2:00 o'clock a.m.

Frank G. Jackson
Mayor