



## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR CITY OF COVINGTON

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### EXECUTIVE ORDER AND DECLARATION OF A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY EFFECTIVE MARCH 19, 2020 CITY OF COVINGTON, KENTUCKY

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2020-EO-01

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020 President Donald J. Trump declared a national state of emergency in response to the coronavirus, COVID-19, pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2020 Governor Andy Beshear declared a state of emergency in Kentucky in response to the first documented case of the novel coronavirus, COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19, a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death and can easily spread from person to person; and

WHEREAS, the emergency response of the City of Covington must be deployed rapidly to protect the health, safety, and welfare of citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Joseph U. Meyer, has determined that the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, presents a severe and complex threat to the public health, safety, and welfare of citizens that extraordinary emergency measures are warranted pursuant to KRS 39A.100 (2) and KRS 39B.070; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for Mayor Meyer to coordinate an emergency effort with national, state, county, and other local agencies for maximum effective response.

NOW and therefore, I, Joseph U. Meyer, Mayor of the City of Covington, by virtue of the authority vested in me by KRS Chapter 39A and 39B of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, do hereby declare that a state of emergency exists in the City of Covington, and that I shall be exercising the authority granted to me through Executive Orders, and through utilization of City personnel, services, equipment, and any necessary acts to manage this emergency.

Further, subject to any orders of Governor Andy Beshear, I hereby order and direct any and all departments of the City of Covington to coordinate and cooperate with the Kenton County Emergency Management, the Northern Kentucky Health Department, Kentucky Department for Public Health, any federal agencies to respond to the threat presented by the novel coronavirus, COVID-19 by exercising the powers articulated in KRS Chapter 39A and 39B and to provide information to individuals, businesses, organizations, and other entities to best prepare and respond to the COVID-19 State of Emergency Declaration.

Under this State of Emergency, as provided in KRS 39A.100(2), KRS 39B.070 and 45A.380(1), I may waive procedures and formalities otherwise required by the law pertaining to: (a) performance of public work, (b) entering into contracts, (c) incurring obligations, (d) employment of permanent and temporary workers, (e) utilization of volunteer workers, (f) rental of equipment, and (g) appropriation and expenditure of public funds;

Under this State of Emergency, as provided in KRS 39A.100(2)(c), I may establish curfews and establish their limits; and

Under this State of Emergency, I may exercise any other authority as permitted and articulated in KRS 39A and 39B.

This Declaration of State of Emergency shall remain in effect until terminated by the issuance of another Executive Order when I determine that a state of emergency no longer exists and the exercise of extraordinary measures are no longer required for the protection of the public health, safety and welfare.

**THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE MARCH 19, 2020 AND SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL RESCINDED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER.**

Signed on this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020,

  
Joseph U. Meyer, Mayor

Attest:

  
Margaret M. Nyhan, City Clerk

3-19-2020  
Date