



**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF COVINGTON**

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Mayor

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**EXECUTIVE ORDER
CITY OF COVINGTON, KENTUCKY**

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2020-EO-08

CITY PARK AND PUBLIC RECREATION AREA LIMITATIONS

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, Mayor Joseph U. Meyer signed Executive Order 2020-EO-01, declaring a state of emergency in the City of Covington due to the outbreak of COVID-19 virus, a public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, applicable Kentucky laws authorize a mayor to exercise emergency powers to efficiently and effectively provide for the health, safety and welfare of citizens; and

WHEREAS, on March 25, 2020, Gov. Andy Beshear signed Executive Order 2020-257, commonly known as the, "Healthy at Home Order;" and

WHEREAS, among other directives contained therein, the Healthy at Home Order reiterated the need to follow recommendations by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Kentucky Department of Public Health to practice social distancing, "[m]eaning staying at home when possible and otherwise maintaining six feet of distance from other individuals, to minimize the spread of the disease."; and

WHEREAS, the CDC and various governmental agencies have reiterated the importance of maintaining a minimum six (6) foot distance between individuals in order to minimize community spread of the COVID-19 virus, yet many people in Kentucky and across our nation have failed to recognize this minimum "social distancing" directive; and

WHEREAS, on March 25, 2020 Gov. Andy Beshear asked mayors and county-judge executives to monitor people gathering in public places such as parks and stop them if people are not practicing social distancing and risking the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the City of Covington proudly offers several unique parks and park resources to its citizens; and

WHEREAS, although Covington residents are encouraged to stay healthy by engaging in outdoor activities such as taking walks through City parks, Covington must recognize the potential for community spread of the COVID-19 virus through lack of social distancing; and

WHEREAS, it is prudent to restrict or limit certain City park activities in accordance with relevant federal and state directives.

NOW and therefore, I, Joseph U. Meyer, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Covington, Kentucky by KRS Chapter 39A, KRS 39B, and in furtherance of the declaration set forth in Executive Order 2020-EO-01, hereby order:

1. Although City parks will remain open as specified in Covington Code of Ordinances section 94.10, certain activities typically available within City parks will be limited and/or restricted as follows:
 - a. No person shall use public equipment and facilities including but not limited to shelters, playground equipment such as slides and swings, basketball courts, soccer fields, and baseball fields.
2. In addition to City park facilities, the directives and mandates contained herein shall apply to all publicly accessible non-City owned park or playground equipment such as those owned by schools, non-profit organizations, and/or churches.
3. Notwithstanding anything set forth herein, citizens and guests in Covington may utilize City parks greens pace, trails and other publicly available spaces so long as any use of such areas is done in a passive, socially distant manner in accordance with all current legal directives and recommendations.
4. In accordance with Gov. Andy Beshear's request, the City will continue to monitor compliance with social distancing requirements and will take further appropriate action to limit use of areas and facilities if proper social distancing precautions are not being practiced.

This Order 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.

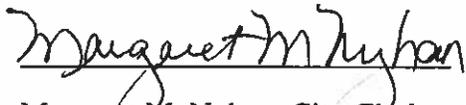
THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE MARCH 27, 2020 AND SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL RESCINDED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER.

Signed on this the 27 day of March, 2020,



Joseph U. Meyer, Mayor

Attest:



Margaret M. Nyhan, City Clerk

3-27-20

Date