

**INDIAN CREEK VILLAGE, FLORIDA
EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 20-03
FOR VIRTUAL MEETINGS**

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Florida Governor Ron de Santis issued Executive Order 20-52 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 County Mayor Carlos A. Gimenez issued a Declaration of Emergency addressing the outbreak of COVID-19 as a public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, the Indian Creek Village Council likewise issued a Declaration of Emergency under the powers afforded to them under the Village 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 Indian Creek Village; 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 Village 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 Village Council meetings due in particular to the extremely limited size, configuration and ventilation of the Village Hall facilities, which preclude proper social distancing; and

WHEREAS, while the Village recognizes the importance of in-person meetings under Florida Government in the Sunshine, the paramount concern of the Village 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 Village 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 VILLAGE MANAGER OF THE INDIAN CREEK VILLAGE, 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 Village shall continue to conduct all Village 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 comments. Furthermore, to the extent that any such meetings are quasi-judicial in nature, the Village 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.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Indian Creek Village, Florida to be affixed this 27th day of October, 2020 at 10:35 p.m. (EST).



Jennifer Medina, Village Manager

Attest:



Marilane Lima, Village Clerk