

COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS
OF SOUTH PINELLAS, INC. ("CONA")
EMERGENCY BYLAWS

In order to ensure the viability of CONA and continuous coverage of executive duties critical to the ongoing operations of CONA during an emergency, the Executive Committee adopts the following Emergency Bylaws:

SECTION 1 – RATIONALE:

The CONA Executive Committee in support of Emergency Bylaws finds that:

- (a) Novel Coronavirus Disease ("COVID-19") is a severe acute respiratory illness that can spread among humans through respiratory transmission and presents with symptoms similar to those of influenza; and
- (b) The World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a Public Health Emergency of International Concern; and
- (c) In response to the recent COVID-19 outbreak, the Governor of the State of Florida declared a state of emergency throughout the State of Florida for the purpose of responding to COVID-19; and
- (d) Based on reports from the Florida Department of Health, it is expected that the number of COVID-19 cases and deaths in the Tampa Bay area will continue to rise, and the City of St. Petersburg could expect a widespread outbreak of COVID-19; and
- (e) Guidance issued by the CDC states that COVID-19 is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person through close contact between people (i.e. within about 6 feet) and that the best way to prevent an outbreak of COVID-19 is to put distance between people in the community through social distancing; and
- (f) Emergency actions have been taken on both the state and local level to implement social distancing measures; and
- (g) The CDC has declared that based upon information available to date, those at high-risk for severe illness from COVID-19 include people aged 65 years and older; people with chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma; people who have serious heart conditions; people who are immunocompromised; and also people of any age with severe obesity or certain underlying medical conditions, particularly if not well controlled, such as those with diabetes, renal failure, or liver disease might also be at risk.

SECTION 2 – RELATION TO CURRENT BYLAWS: All provisions of CONA’s Bylaws consistent with these Emergency Bylaws remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3 – VACANCIES: Except for the Office of the President, any vacancy occurring in the Executive Committee during an emergency shall be filled by the recommendation of the President and approval by majority vote of the Executive Committee. The Vice-President will fill a vacancy in the Office of the President.

SECTION 4 – MEETINGS:

- (a) Any meetings can be cancelled by the President or by action of the Executive Committee with a minimum of seven (7) calendar days’ notice.
- (b) Membership and Special Membership meetings may be called by the President with the consent of the majority of the Executive Committee with a minimum of seven (7) calendar days’ notice to the general membership.
- (c) Membership and Special Membership meetings may be held by action of the Executive Committee through means of remote communication as authorized by the Executive Committee and subject to such guidelines as the Executive Committee may adopt.
- (d) Members may attend and/or participate in Membership and Special Membership meetings by means of remote communication.

SECTION 5 – DURATION OF EMERGENCY BYLAWS:

These Emergency Bylaws take effect immediately after a simple majority vote by the CONA Executive Committee at an Executive Committee meeting and continue in effect until the termination of these Emergency Bylaws by Executive Committee action in conjunction with the termination of the emergency.

The above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Emergency Bylaws of the Council of Neighborhood Associations of South Pinellas County, Inc. as passed and adopted by the CONA Executive Committee on April 8, 2020.

Stephen M. Waters, Secretary