

## RESOLUTION 20-122

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, REPEALING RESOLUTION 20-86; ALLOWING PUBLIC ATTENDANCE AT PUBLIC MEETINGS CONSISTENT WITH THEN-EXISTING EXECUTIVE ORDERS; RESUMING QUASI-JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS; EXPANDING THE MAXIMUM GROUP SIZE AT CITY FACILITIES AND SPECIAL EVENTS; SUPERSEDING RESULTS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATELY EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, the City of Panama City Beach (“City”) is a municipality granted home rule authority pursuant to Article VIII, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Florida and may exercise its governmental, corporate, and proprietary powers for municipal purposes, including to regulate for the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization, U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary, President of the United States, Governor of the State of Florida, and Bay County have all declared the outbreak of the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, to be an international, national, state, and local emergency; and

WHEREAS, since March 17, 2020, the City Council has taken careful and measured action by Resolutions and Emergency Ordinances to balance the public health and safety while also monitoring the need to allow for recreational and commercial activity to safely continue; and

WHEREAS, on May 22, 2020, the Governor of the State of Florida issued Executive Order 20-131 “Expanding Full Phase 1: Safe. Smart. Step-By-Step. Plan for Florida’s Recovery” which allows youth sports teams and leagues, youth clubs and programs, childcare facilities, summer camps, and youth recreation camps to operate; and

WHEREAS, on June 3, 2020, the Governor of the State of Florida issued Executive Order 20-139 enacting the “Phase 2: Safe. Smart. Step-By-Step. Plan for Florida’s Recovery” which allows congregations of up to 50 persons; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that Governor DeSantis's Plan for Florida's Recovery enables expansion of the City's recreational facilities and for physical attendance at City Council meetings; and

WHEREAS, considering the continuing emergency facing the City and surrounding community, the City Council deems it appropriate and reasonable to allow to continue to limit large gatherings and physical contact between persons to effectively mitigate the risks of COVID-19.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Panama City Beach, Florida as follows:

1. Resolution 20-86 regarding the conduct of virtual public meetings is hereby repealed.
2. Public meetings of the City shall be open to the public subject to any limitations on large gatherings or building capacity in place by Executive Order of the Governor of the State of Florida at the time of the meeting.
3. Quasi-Judicial proceedings may resume in accordance with this Resolution.
4. Parks and Recreation summer camps may operate with a maximum group limit of fifty (50) persons, subject to appropriate social distancing of participants.
5. Special Events hosting groups up to fifty (50) persons may be permitted, subject to approval of a Special Event safety plan.
6. Group occupancy of the Lyndell Center and Community Center shall be increased from groups of 10 or less to 50 or less, subject to the appropriate social distancing.
7. The provisions of this Resolution shall supersede any conflicting provisions in any previously adopted Resolution or associated COVID-19 Action Plan.

**THIS RESOLUTION** shall be effective immediately upon passage.

**PASSED** in regular session this 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.

**CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH**

By:   
Mark Sheldon, Mayor

**ATTEST:**  
  
Jo Smith, Interim City Clerk



# City of Panama City Beach

June 11, 2020

TO: Mayor and City Council  
FROM: Tony O'Rourke, City Manager  
RE: COVID-19 Guidelines

Based on Governor De Santis' Executive Order 20-139 effective June 5, 2020, the staff recommends the City Council revise its prior actions to permit the following actions;

- Permit Parks & Recreation individual summer camp occupancy to increase from 10 per camp to 50, subject to appropriate social distancing of patrons.
- Permit group occupancy of the Lyndell Center and Community Center to be increased from groups of 10 or less to 50 or less, subject to the appropriate social distancing.
- Permit large/special events with groups of up to 50, subject to approved COVID-19 mitigation plans.
- Repeal City Council Resolution 20-86 related to virtual meetings by reopening all future City Council meetings to in-person attendance, however, limited to the Governor's permitted large group gatherings size.

We are evaluating reopening of the Aquatic Center for open swim recreation and children's pool use once we can adopt appropriate social distancing and hygiene practices for children at the Aquatic Center.