PANAMA CITY BEACH ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 21-04

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE OF CITY STREETS

WHEREAS, the City is entering its busy spring break season; and

WHEREAS, Simon Pier Park has requested the closure of South Pier Park Drive to provide for the safe movement of traffic along the heavily traveled Front Beach Road especially at that road's intersection with Pier Park Drive, and also to protect pedestrians within Pier Park from the high volume of vehicular traffic anticipated during Spring Break that is incompatible with the normal and safe flow of pedestrian traffic; and

WHEREAS, section 19-50 of the City's Code of Ordinances authorizes the City Manager to restrict the use of streets to reduce the risk of damage to persons and property, to facilitate the efficient use of any street or highway, or to reasonably protect the peace and quiet of properties adjoining any street or highway; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has confirmed that closure of this road during prior Spring Breaks has been effective to create, promote and maintain a family friendly atmosphere throughout Pier Park and the City during the spring break season.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

- 1. South Pier Park Drive, from Front Beach Road to LC Hilton Drive, shall be closed to vehicular traffic during the period March 5, 2021 through April 4, 2021. This closure shall not apply to on-duty police, security or emergency vehicles.
- 2. Pier Park will erect and maintain, or cause to be erected and maintained, Jersey Cement Barriers at the terminus of Pier Park Drive at Front Beach Road. A less substantial barricade may be permitted at other affected intersections if the City Police and Fire Departments mutually agree they will effectively prevent the flow of vehicular traffic onto Pier Park Drive.
- 3. The City's Police Department will take all necessary actions to monitor, maintain and preserve the availability of vehicular access on Stingray Drive and West Pier Park Drive.

THIS ORDER shall be effective immediately upon execution.

ORDERED this 4th day of March, 2021.

CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH

Al Shortt, Interim City Manager

ATTEST:

Lynne Fasone, City Clerk