

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE 2020-__

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, TEMPORARILY SUSPENDING MEETINGS OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION AND THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE FRANKLIN COUNTY PLANNER TO EXERCISE THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION AND THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; PROVIDING FOR A SUNSET DATE.

WHEREAS, Section 305 of the Franklin County Zoning Code provides for the powers and duties of the Planning and Zoning Commission to review development applications for consistency with the zoning code and the comprehensive plan; and,

WHEREAS, Section 315 of the Franklin County Zoning Code provides the powers and duties of the Board of Adjustment to review applications for variances and special exceptions, and to hear appeals of decisions made by an administrative official; and,

WHEREAS, both the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Board of Adjustment consist of citizen volunteers; and,

WHEREAS, Franklin County finds that the COVID-19 Pandemic will temporarily interfere with the ability of the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Board of Adjustment to meet and exercise their power and duty to make recommendations to the Franklin County Commission concerning development applications; and;

WHEREAS, Franklin County finds that it necessary that development applications be reviewed and processed in a timely manner; and,

WHEREAS, Franklin County has declared that an emergency exists and that the enactment of this Ordinance is necessary,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS THAT:

1. Section 305 of the Franklin County Zoning Code is temporarily amended to provide that the County Planner shall have and exercise the powers and duties of the Planning and Zoning Commission. The requirement that the Planning and Zoning Commission meet and exercise the powers and duties provided to it by the zoning code is temporarily suspended. Following the sunset of this ordinance, the Planning and Zoning Commission shall meet and exercise the powers and duties provided to it by the zoning code.
2. Section 315 of the Franklin County Zoning Code is temporarily amended to provide that the County Planner shall have the powers and duties of the Board of Adjustment. The requirement that the Board of Adjustment meet and exercise the powers and duties provided to it by the zoning code is suspended. Following the sunset of this

ordinance, the Board of Adjustment shall meet and exercise the powers and duties provided to it by the zoning code.

3. Effective Date: This ordinance shall take effect on May 19, 2020 at 12:01 p.m. (ET).

4. Sunset Date: This ordinance shall sunset on August 18, 2020 at 12:01 p.m. (ET).

This ordinance was adopted by unanimous vote of the Board of County Commissioners of Franklin County, Florida, during a duly declared local state of emergency due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, on this the 19th day of May, 2020.

Franklin County, a political subdivision of
The State of Florida

Attest:

By: _____
Noah Lockley, Jr., Its Chairman

By: _____
Marcia M. Johnson, Clerk of Court

Approved as to legal form and sufficiency

By: _____
Thomas M. Shuler, Franklin County Attorney