



## Legislation Text

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**Agenda Item Name:**

COVID 19 Discussion

**Presenter:**

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**Description:**

Have a discussion on COVID 19.

**Recommended Action:**

Authorize advertisement of amendments to Chapter 27 (Emergencies), Alachua County Code, as recommended by County Attorney.

Have a discussion on:

- A. CARES Act Funds Update
- B. Order Enforcement Update
- C. West Lawn Use
- D. Emergency Management Ordinance

**Prior Board Motions:**

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**Fiscal Consideration:**

N/A

**Background:**

As of Alachua County has entered week 23 of this COVID-19 declaration of emergency. Prior to this emergency event, local declared emergencies rarely lasted longer than a few weeks. Some questions regarding the emergency ordinance (codified in Chapter 27, Alachua County Code) have arisen during this considerably-longer-than-average emergency event. The County Attorney suggests the following general amendments to Chapter 27, Alachua County Code:

- 1) Add definition of "Continuing Emergency" as designation of an emergency that lasts longer than 30 days, during which the Board of County Commissioners can meet and conduct business;
- 2) Require Official Authority to report to Board all actions taken since the last Board meeting and deem such action as ratified unless the Board takes action;
- 3) Require County Manager to produce a memorandum to Board, at least once a year, that sets forth line of succession for the County Manager's authority under the emergency ordinance;
- 4) Articulate County's authority to set a penalty or civil fine by emergency order;
- 5) Allow emergency orders to be posted to the County's webpage, instead of the headquarters of county governmental operations; and

6) Include additional articulated power regarding the Board's authority to "take such action as may be reasonably required under the circumstances."

New studies:

Viable SARS-CoV-2 in the air of a hospital room with COVID-19 patients John A Lednicky, Michael Lauzardo, Z. Hugh Fan, Antarpreet S Jutla, Trevor B Tilly, Mayank Gangwar, Moiz Usmani, Sripriya N Shankar, Karim Mohamed, Arantza Eiguren-Fernandez, Caroline J Stephenson, Md. Mahbubul Alam, Maha A Elbadry, Julia C Loeb, Kuttichantran Subramaniam, Thomas B Waltzek, Kartikeya Cherabuddi, John Glenn Morris Jr., Chang-Yu Wu medRxiv 2020.08.03.20167395; attached and <available at <https://www.medrxiv.org/content/10.1101/2020.08.03.20167395v1.full.pdf>>.

Seres, Gyula and Balleyer, Anna Helen and Cerutti, Nicola and Friedrichsen, Jana and Sür, Müge, Face Mask Use and Physical Distancing before and after Mandatory Masking: Evidence from Public Waiting Lines (July 9, 2020). Attached and <available at SSRN:

<https://ssrn.com/abstract=3641367>> or

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