

Sec. 8-56. - Supplemental emergency powers.

- (a) When necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the County's residents and visitors, upon declaration of local state of emergency issued by either the County Administrator pursuant to Section 8-53 of the Broward County Code of Ordinances, or the Mayor pursuant to Section 2.04.G. of the Broward County Charter, the County Administrator is authorized to:
- (1) Impose a general curfew applicable to Broward County, in whole or in part, during hours the County Administrator deems necessary, and modify said curfew from time to time as the County Administrator deems appropriate;
  - (2) Direct the evacuation of any area(s) of Broward County in which individuals are deemed to be in imminent danger;
  - (3) Prohibit or limit gatherings of individuals within Broward County;
  - (4) Order any or all commercial or business locations or places of public accommodation to close and remain closed until further order; and
  - (5) Order individuals to shelter in place.
- (b) Violations.
- (1) Violations of any order promulgated pursuant to this section shall be prosecuted in the same manner as misdemeanors are prosecuted pursuant to § 125.69, F.S., punishable by imprisonment in the county jail not to exceed sixty (60) days, a Five Hundred Dollar (\$500.00) fine, or both.
  - (2) The County may issue citations for violations of this section through its designated code inspectors. Such citations shall be enforced as provided in Section 8½ of the Broward County Code of Ordinances. A fine of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) per day per violation shall be imposed for any act found to be in violation of this section, except that a violation found to be a knowing violation and to be irreparable or irreversible in nature shall be subject to a fine of up to Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) per violation.
  - (3) Nothing herein shall limit the County's right to seek injunctive and other equitable relief to ensure compliance with any order made pursuant to this part.
- (c) The County Administrator shall determine the scope and duration of any measure taken pursuant to this section, but in no event shall the scope and duration of any such measure exceed the duration of the applicable emergency declaration. In exercising the powers under this section, the County Administrator should, to the fullest extent practicable under the circumstances, coordinate and consult with federal, state, and local governmental entities, and no power under this section shall be exercised if it would frustrate the emergency response of any federal or state entity.
- (d) Any order made pursuant to this section shall be enforceable, including by injunction or other equitable relief, by municipalities countywide. The criminal penalties established under this section may be enforced by the Broward County Sheriff or municipal law enforcement, as applicable.

( [Ord. No. 2020-15](#), § 2, 3-31-20)