

**STATE OF FLORIDA
DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

IN RE: SUSPENSION OF STATUTES,
RULES, AND ORDERS, PURSUANT
TO EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER
20-52, MADE NECESSARY BY THE
COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH
EMERGENCY

DEM ORDER NO. 20-008

EMERGENCY ORDER

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Florida issued Executive Order No. 20-52, declaring a state of emergency in response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency; and,

WHEREAS, COVID-19 poses a severe threat to the entire State of Florida and requires that timely precautions are taken to protect the communities and general welfare of this State; and,

WHEREAS, due to the unprecedented circumstances, the Division of Emergency Management is unable to fully comply with certain statutes and requirements related to the appropriate processing of invoices and receipts; and,

WHEREAS, in consultation with the Department of Financial Services, it is necessary to waive certain requirements to facilitate the proper payment of invoices, while also being good stewards of taxpayers' dollars; and,

WHEREAS, the Governor has designated the Director of the Division of Emergency Management as the State Coordinating Officer for the duration of this emergency and has delegated to the State Coordinating Officer the authority to exercise those powers delineated in sections 252.36(5)-(10), Florida Statutes; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JARED MOSKOWITZ, hereby find that the Division of Emergency Management's timely performance of disaster response functions related to COVID-19 Public Health Emergency is hindered by the application of procedures imposed by statute, rule, or order.

Therefore, pursuant to Section 2 of Executive Order No. 20-52, and reaffirmed by Executive Order 20-114, I hereby suspend the effects of sections 215.422(3)(a)-(b), Florida Statutes, for the following limited purposes:

- 1) Due to COVID-19, any invoices not filed within "20 days after receipt of the invoice and receipt, inspection, and approval of the goods and services," as provided for in section 215.422(1), Florida Statutes, does not require "an explanation in writing" by the Director of the Division of Emergency Management;
- 2) Any invoices where warrant is not issued within 40 days after receipt of the invoice and receipt, inspection, and approval of the goods and services, shall not accrue interest, nor shall the Division of Emergency Management be responsible for any interest as provided for in section 215.422(3)(b), Florida Statutes.

Because section 252.36(5)(a), Florida Statutes, allows the Governor to suspend the provisions of "any regulatory statute prescribing the procedures for [the] conduct of state business", and because Executive Order No. 20-52 designates the Director of the Division of Emergency Management as the State Coordinating Officer for this emergency, the requirements of sections 252.46 and 120.54(4), Florida Statutes, do not apply to this Order.

The effective dates of this Order shall correspond with the effective dates of Executive Order No. 20-52, and extensions thereof.

By Order of the State Coordinating Officer executed this 13th day of July, 2020, in Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida.

Jared Moskowitz
State Coordinating Officer
Florida Division of Emergency Management
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Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Filed on this date, with the designated Division Clerk, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged.

Stephanie Tuamny
Division Clerk

Date: 7/13/2020