

**EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 2021- 1**

**AN EMERGENCY ORDER RESCINDING ST. JOHNS COUNTY  
EMERGENCY ORDERS 2020-9 AND 2020-10.**

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, ST. JOHNS COUNTY EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION NO. 2020-1 declared a state of local emergency due to the threat of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) to spread among humans, which may pose a threat to public health and safety and cause a threat to the entire State of Florida, including St. Johns County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has extended the state of local emergency for additional seven-day periods and has further retained, ratified, and continued in time for the duration of the emergency proclamation all emergency powers authorized by the emergency proclamations; and

WHEREAS, the County, pursuant to Emergency Order 2020-9, has instituted a requirement that face coverings be worn in County facilities when social distancing requirements cannot be maintained; and

WHEREAS, the County, pursuant to Emergency Order 2020-10, has utilized communications media technology (CMT) as an effective manner of safely and expeditiously conducting the business of the County through public meetings while protecting the health, safety, and welfare of members of the public; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners and the County Administrator have periodically reviewed the necessity of maintaining the requirement for face coverings in County facilities and the necessity for utilizing CMT procedures in public meetings; and

WHEREAS, based upon such periodic review, the Board of County Commissioners has determined that it is no longer necessary to maintain the requirement for face coverings in County facilities or to utilize CMT procedures in public meetings and has authorized the County Administrator to issue an emergency order rescinding these requirements.

NOW THEREFORE, in accordance with the emergency power vested in the County pursuant to Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, and the authority vested in the County Administrator pursuant to Section 6 of St. Johns County Ordinance No. 2019-40, it is hereby ordered that:

1. The recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated into the body of this Emergency Order as findings of fact.
2. Except as specifically provided herein, St. Johns County Emergency Orders 2020-9 and 2020-10 are hereby rescinded.
3. To the extent a public hearing before the Board of County Commissioners or any County appointed board or committee has been noticed as of the date of this order as utilizing CMT

procedures, the procedures adopted by Emergency Order 2020-10 shall apply to such public hearing.

4. This Emergency Order shall be effective upon filing with the Clerk in accordance with Section 252.46, Florida Statutes, and shall expire at the expiration of the local state of emergency declared pursuant to St. Johns County Emergency Proclamation 2020-1, including any extension thereof, unless earlier terminated.

DONE and ORDERED this 21 day of April, 2021.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Hunter S. Conrad  
Hunter S. Conrad  
County Administrator

ATTEST: Brandon Patty, Clerk of the Circuit  
Court and Comptroller

By: Sam Halterman  
Deputy Clerk

