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## ORDER

On March 6, 2020, Governor Andy Beshear issued Executive Order 2020-215 declaring a State of Emergency in the Commonwealth of Kentucky due to the outbreak of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), a public health emergency. On March 25, 2020, Governor Andy Beshear signed Executive Order 2020-257, authorizing the Governor's Executive Cabinet, as set forth in KRS 11.065 the authority to issue orders necessary to the operation of government during the State of Emergency. Hospitals have begun preparing temporary overflow facilities in buildings that are not hospitals to house patients and provide care;

Now, therefore, under the authority granted to me by Executive Orders 2020-215 and 2020-257, as the Secretary of the Public Protection Cabinet as a member of the Governor's Executive Cabinet as set forth in KRS 11.065, as well as KRS Chapter 39A, including, but not limited to, KRS 39A.180(1), and KRS 12.270, and to promote and secure the safety and protection of the civilian population, and as there is an immediate need for temporary hospital overflow facilities IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

Notwithstanding any provision of the Kentucky Building Code, incorporated by reference at 815
KAR 7:120, or KRS Chapter 198B to the contrary, buildings utilized as temporary overflow for
hospitals in response to the COVID-19 emergency, during the State of Emergency established by
Executive Order 2020-215, shall not be required to substantially comply with the Kentucky



Building Code prior to the issuance of a temporary certificate of occupancy or certificate of occupancy; and

- 2. Buildings utilized as temporary overflow for hospitals in response to the COVID-19 emergency, during the State of Emergency established by Executive Order 2020-215, shall be required to comply, to the greatest extent practicable, with the requirements of the Kentucky Building Code prior to the issuance of a temporary certificate of occupancy or certificate of occupancy; and
- 3. Temporary certificates of occupancy and certificates of occupancy issued pursuant to this Order shall be valid until the rescindment or expiration of Executive Order 2020-215.

So ORDERED on April 7, 2020.

Kerry B. Harvey, Secretary Public Protection Cabinet

