

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-01

EXECUTIVE ORDER OF THE CITY OF GRAYSON, GEORGIA, UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL ON MARCH 24, 2020 TO PROVIDE FOR THE TEMPORARY CLOSING OF CERTAIN BUSINESSES, TO PROVIDE FOR THE ALTERATION OF OPERATIONS OF CERTAIN BUSINESSES, TO ADOPT THE EXECUTIVE ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR, TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, beginning in late 2019, the severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2, SARS-CoV-2, emerged causing a novel coronavirus disease, COVID-19, which has now become a worldwide pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States declared a National Public Health Emergency on Friday March 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the President of the United States in conjunction with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued Coronavirus Guidelines for America – 15 Days to Slow the Spread; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Georgia declared a Public Health State of Emergency in Georgia on March 14, 2020 and the Georgia General Assembly concurred with the Governor's declaration on March 16, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Georgia issued an Executive Order on March 23, 2020 requiring certain people to shelter in place, requiring certain businesses to cease operations, placing limitations on people gathering, and for other purposes; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has declared the novel coronavirus known as COVID-19 a world health emergency and a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Chairman of the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners declared a Local Emergency in Gwinnett County on March 16, 2020, pursuant to her authority under the Gwinnett County Emergency Management Ordinance, to allow the County to quickly and appropriately respond to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, Gwinnett County strongly encouraged all restaurants, fitness centers, entertainment venues, and similar establishments to take voluntary measures such as closing or modifying operations to help slow the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") has recommended large public gatherings be discontinued or prohibited and that social distancing be implemented to prevent the continued spreading of this illness in the community;

WHEREAS, those guidelines include a recommendation that communities with evidence of community transmission consider closing restaurants, food courts, gyms, and other indoor and outdoor venues where groups of people congregate; and

WHEREAS, the confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Gwinnett County and in the State of Georgia continue to rise and have more than doubled since March 16, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Grayson declared a Public Health State of Emergency on March 24, 2020 under the Charter of the City of Grayson, in Section 1.13(a)(8); and

WHEREAS, the Charter of the City of Grayson, in Section 1.13(a)(8), grants to the City the power to declare an emergency and “to make and carry out all reasonable provisions deemed necessary to deal with or meet such an emergency for the protection, safety, health, or well-being of the citizens of the city”; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to temporarily close certain establishments, where the public gathers and where social distancing recommendations cannot be maintained, to help slow the spread of COVID-19 in the City in order to help protect the health and safety of the residents and businesses of the City and Gwinnett County;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND DECREED, and it is hereby ordered and decreed as follows:

Section 1: That gyms, fitness centers, fitness studios, theaters, live performance venues, bowling alleys, arcades, and other similar establishments within the City of Grayson be temporarily closed.

Section 2: That restaurants, food courts, brewpubs, breweries and other eating establishments within the City of Grayson cease offering dine-in and/or outdoor/patio service. Such eating establishments may continue to prepare and offer food to customers through delivery, takeout, and/or drive-thru service.

Section 3: Cafeterias or on-site dining services in hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and other similar facilities within the City of Grayson following previously issued state and federal public health guidelines shall not be subject to closure requirements of this Order.

Section 4: All employers and business which remain open for use by the public must take the necessary steps to restrict in person contact and maintain a distance of 6 feet between individuals while in the establishment.

Section 5: The Governor’s Executive Order No. 03.23.20.01 is hereby incorporated by reference herein, such that:

a. All persons ordered by the Department of Public Health to isolate, quarantine, or shelter in place within their homes or place of residence shall comply with such executive order or

administrative order. In accordance with the Governor's executive, the following populations are specifically included:

- i. Those persons who live in a nursing home or long-term care facility;
- ii. Those persons who have chronic lung disease;
- iii. Those persons who are currently undergoing cancer treatment; and
- iv. Those persons included in any Department of Public Health Administrative Order.

b. All businesses which possess a license to operate as or otherwise meet the definition of "bar" as defined in Official Code of Georgia Section 3-1-2(2.1) shall cease operation.

c. No business, establishment, corporation, non-profit, corporation, or organization shall allow more than ten (10) persons to be gathered at a single location if such gathering requires persons to stand or to be seated within six (6) feet of any other person.

Section 6: The City Administrator and appropriate personnel of the City shall take reasonable and necessary efforts to disseminate such Order and educate the public and businesses impacted thereby.

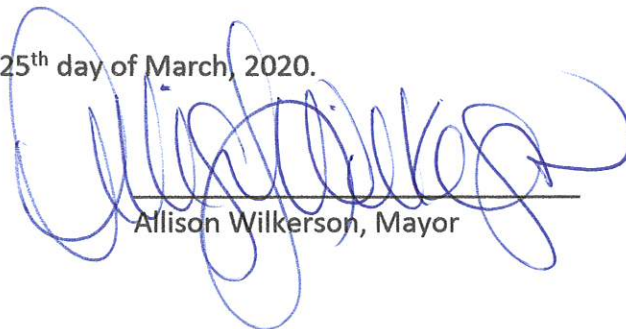
Section 7: The City Administrator shall be authorized to utilize city personnel and resources to ensure compliance herewith including contacting the Gwinnett County Police Department to assist with the enforcement of this Order.

Section 8: All ordinances or resolutions, or parts of ordinances or resolutions, in conflict with the provisions of this Order are hereby suspended during the effective dates of this Order (or any extension thereof) and the terms and provisions of this Order shall prevail.

Section 9: This Order shall take effect at 12:00 noon on March 25, 2020 and shall expire by its own terms at 12:00 Noon on April 6, 2020, unless modified, terminated or extended by further action.

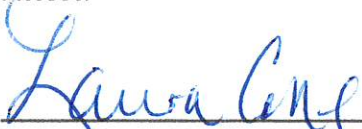
Section 10: The City Clerk, in consultation with the City Attorney, shall have the power to correct scrivener's errors.

SO ORDERED AND DECREED, this 25th day of March, 2020.



Allison Wilkerson, Mayor

Attest:



Laura Cone, City Clerk/Administrator

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