



TOWN OF GIBSONVILLE

DECLARATION OF A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is a highly contagious respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a Public Health Emergency and Global Pandemic on March 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the United State Federal Government has declared a National State of Emergency due to the spread of COVID-19 and recommends that public gatherings of more than 10 people be suspended, and that those citizens who are not employees in essential businesses and industries should remain home; and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, the State of North Carolina, through the office of the Governor, Roy Cooper, issued Executive Order No. 116 titled “Declaration of a State of Emergency to Coordinate Response and Protective Actions to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2020, the State of North Carolina issued Executive Order No. 117, which prohibited mass gatherings of no more than one (100) people in the state of North Carolina and closed public schools to limit the spread of COVID-19”; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the State of North Carolina issued Executive Order No. 118; which limited operations of restaurants and bars and broadened unemployment insurance benefits in response to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, the State of North Carolina issued Executive Order No. 119, which provides provisions to improve access to childcare and helps facilitate critical motor vehicle operations; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, the State of North Carolina issued Executive Order No. 120, which provided additional limitations on mass gatherings and long-term care facilities and extended school closures through May 15; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) confirmed the number of cases of COVID-19 in North Carolina continues to rise and has lab documentation of community spread; and

WHEREAS, in consultation with health care professionals and based upon guidance from CDC and NCDHHS, arrangements must be made immediately to take such actions as are deemed necessary and appropriate to minimize the impacts of COVI-19 and make progress towards enhanced health and safety of residents of the Town of Gibsonville; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, Alamance County, North Carolina declared a local State of Emergency to allow Alamance County to coordinate, provide, and request additional supplies and receive mutual aid from the state and federal government; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Guilford County, North Carolina declared a local State of Emergency to allow Guilford County to coordinate, provide, and request additional supplies and receive mutual aid from the state and federal government; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Gibsonville is located within both Alamance County and Guilford County; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Gibsonville seeks to coordinate, provide, and request additional supplies and receive mutual aid and other financial assistance from the state and federal government; and

WHEREAS, medical professionals and public health leaders have advised that residents will be “safer at home,” over the next few weeks. The practice of social distancing is much simpler in your home; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the above-described emergency I have determined that there is an imminent threat of, or existing conditions have caused or will cause, widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property; and

WHEREAS, declaring a Local State of Emergency and imposing the restrictions and prohibitions ordered herein is necessary to maintain order and protect public health, safety, and welfare, and to secure property.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as the Mayor of the Town of Gibsonville under Article 1A of Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes and Section 36.15 Restrictions Authorized et seq. of the Town of Gibsonville Code of Ordinances:

Section 1. A State of Emergency is hereby declared within the jurisdiction of the Town of Gibsonville.

Section 2. The emergency area covered by this state of emergency shall be the entire jurisdiction.

Section 3. The following restrictions and prohibitions are imposed:

A. **Hours of operation:** Upon consultation with the Mayor, the Town Manager shall be vested with the authority to adjust operating hours for all municipal departments, to include reduced hours or cessation of operations, or the provision of employees to work from a distance.

B. **Events:** All events being held on public grounds or hosted by the Town of Gibsonville have been postponed pending a decision by the Town Manager or the revocation of this Declaration.

C. **Parks and Recreation Facilities:** All indoor recreational facilities are hereby closed, and all recreation programs are hereby canceled, pending revocation of the Declaration, or finding by the Town Manager that facilities may be operated, or that programs may be reinstated, prior to the revocation of the Declaration. Outdoor public parks will remain open. Public and private communal playgrounds are to be closed.

Section 4. I hereby order all Town of Gibsonville law enforcement officers, employees, and all other emergency management personnel subject to our control to cooperate in the enforcement and implementation of the provisions of this Declaration, all applicable local ordinances, state and federal laws, and Town of Gibsonville, Alamance County, or Guilford Emergency Operations Plan.

Section 5. Upon exercising any authority granted under this Declaration, the Town Manger shall provide notice of any exercise of authority to the public via publishing on the Town's web page, distributed to the local media, and via any Town communication mechanism. This notice shall be provided prior to implementation.

Section 6. I hereby order this declaration: (a) to be distributed to the news media and other organizations calculated to bring its contents to the attention of the general public; (b) to be filed with Town Clerk to the and (c) to be distributed to others as necessary to ensure proper implementation of this declaration.

Section 7. This declaration shall take effect at 3:30 p.m. on March 27, 2020 and shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded.

DECLARED



Mayor

ATTEST:



Manager