



# LAWRENCEVILLE

## GEORGIA

### RESOLUTION \_\_\_\_\_

#### RESOLUTION TO EXTEND DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF LAWRENCEVILLE, GEORGIA DURING THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY OF THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) GLOBAL PANDEMIC

**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 global pandemic; and

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

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

**WHEREAS**, on March 14, 2020, the Governor of the State of Georgia issued Executive Order No. 03.14.20.01 declaring a Public Health State of Emergency in Georgia and the Georgia General Assembly concurred with the Governor's declaration on March 16, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 16, 2020, the Chairman of the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners declared a Local Emergency in Gwinnett County, 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 18, 2020, the City Council of the City of Lawrenceville adopted Resolution No. RES-2020-8 declaring a Public Health State of Emergency in the City of Lawrenceville due to the rapid spread of COVID-19, pursuant to Section 1.03(c)(7) of the Charter of the City of Lawrenceville; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 23, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order No. 03.23.20.01, which required the Department of Public Health to order that certain specific higher risk populations isolate, quarantine, or shelter in place; and

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order No. 03.23.20.01 further ordered that 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 be seated within six (6) feet of any other person; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 2, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order No. 04.02.20.01, which required Georgians to shelter-in-place in their residences except for certain specified exemptions; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 8, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order No. 04.08.20.02, which extends the statewide Public Health State of Emergency declaration until 11:59 p.m. on May 13, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order No. 04.08.20.02 further extends the statewide shelter-in-place order until 11:59 p.m. on April 30, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has determined that Resolution No. RES-2020-8 adopted on March 18, 2020 does not in any way conflict, vary, or differ from Executive Order No. 04.02.20.01; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council determines that the declaration and extension of a public health state of emergency within the City is necessary to enforce compliance with Executive Order No. 04.02.20.01 and as extended by Executive Order 04.08.20.02; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the Georgia Department of Public Health COVID-19 update at noon on April 15, 2020, Georgia now has Fourteen Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-seven (14,987) confirmed cases of COVID-19, including Eight Hundred Fifty-two (852) confirmed cases in Gwinnett County; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the Georgia Department of Public Health COVID-19 update, Five Hundred Fifty-two (552) individuals in Georgia have died and Two Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-two (2,922) have been hospitalized after contracting COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the CDC indicates that there is evidence of widespread community transmission in Georgia; and

**WHEREAS**, the CDC and public health officials expect that additional cases of COVID-19 will be identified in the coming days; and

**WHEREAS**, after consultation with local health care providers, the local public health department, and leaders of other municipalities in the County and leaders of Gwinnett County, the City Council has determined that it is necessary to extend the Public Health State of Emergency.

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

**Section 1:** The Public Health State of Emergency declared by the City Council, on March 18, 2020 in RES-2020-8, is hereby extended and shall continue to be in effect until 11:59 p.m. on May 13, 2020, or until it is extended, rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by further action.

**Section 2:** Add subsection g. to Section 3 of RES-2020-8 adopted on March 18, 2020, which shall read as follows:

- g. Any matter requiring a public hearing before the City Council shall be and is hereby postponed during the effective dates of this Public Health State of Emergency unless this provision is rescinded or amended by the City Council.

**Section 3:** All provisions and Sections of RES-2020-8 adopted on March 18, 2020 shall continue in full force and effect.

**SO ORDERED AND DECREED**, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020.

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David R. Still, Mayor

Attest:

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Karen Pierce, City Clerk

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