

REVISED JOINT PROCLAMATION OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MECKLENBURG COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE, AND THE MAYORS OF THE TOWNS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR AND IN CONSULTATION WITH THE MECKLENBURG COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR

RESTRICTING MOVEMENT OF ALL INDIVIDUALS LIVING WITHIN MECKLENBURG COUNTY, THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE AND THE TOWNS OF MATTHEWS, PINEVILLE, MINT HILL, DAVIDSON, HUNTERSVILLE, AND CORNELIUS TO STAY AT THEIR PLACE OF RESIDENCE EXCEPT THAT THEY MAY LEAVE TO PROVIDE OR RECEIVE CERTAIN ESSENTIAL SERVICES OR ENGAGE IN CERTAIN ESSENTIAL ACTIVITIES AND WORK FOR ESSENTIAL BUSINESSES AND GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES;

EXEMPTING INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS FROM THE RESTRICTION BUT URGING THEM TO FIND SHELTER;

RESTRICTING ALL BUSINESSES AND GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES TO CEASE NON-ESSENTIAL OPERATIONS REQUIRING PUBLIC MOBILITY WITHIN THE LOCATIONS WITHIN THE COUNTY; RESTRICTING ALL NON-ESSENTIAL GATHERINGS OF INDIVIDUALS; AND ALL NON-ESSENTIAL TRAVEL

WHEREAS, The North Carolina General Assembly has adopted Article 1A of Chapter 166A of the General Statutes, entitled “North Carolina Emergency Management Act”, which sets forth the authority and responsibility of the Governor, State agencies, and local governments in prevention of, preparation for, response to, and recovery from natural or man-made emergencies; and

WHEREAS, G.S. §166A-19.22, which is part of the North Carolina Emergency Management Act, authorizes counties to declare a state of emergency under conditions and following procedures contained in G.S. §166A-19.22; and

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has created a state of emergency in the County of Mecklenburg and the City of Charlotte; and

WHEREAS, the Governor has declared a state of emergency on behalf of the state of North Carolina on March 10, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Mecklenburg County in conjunction with the City of Charlotte and six towns within the County signed a Joint Declaration of Emergency on March 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, among other things the Declaration restricted access and travel upon public streets, alley, or roadway or upon any other public property within the area(s) or times as designated by the Mecklenburg County Public Health Department in conjunction with City-County Emergency Management except by those in search of medical assistance, food or other commodity or service necessary to sustain the well-being of themselves or their families or some member thereof; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED THAT:

This Joint Proclamation is to ensure that the maximum number of people self-isolate in their places of residence to the maximum extent feasible, while enabling essential services to continue to slow the spread of COVID-19 to the maximum extent possible. When people need to leave their places of residence, whether to obtain or perform essential services, or to otherwise facilitate authorized activities necessary for continuity of social and commercial life, they should at all times reasonably comply with CDC recommendations of Social Distancing Requirements of at least six (6) feet apart. Individuals whose residences are unsafe or become unsafe, such as victims of domestic violence, are permitted and urged to leave their home and stay at a safe alternative location. For purposes of this Proclamation, homes or residences include hotels, motels, shared rental units, shelters, and similar facilities. All provisions of this Proclamation should be interpreted to effectuate this intent.

All individuals currently living within Mecklenburg County including the City of Charlotte and the named Towns are restricted to shelter at their places of residence. All persons may leave their residences only for Essential Activities, Essential Governmental Functions, to operate Essential Business (as defined below) or as otherwise defined in this Proclamation. All Essential Businesses are strongly encouraged to remain open. To the greatest extent feasible, Essential Businesses shall comply with Social Distancing requirements as defined by CDC.

Non-essential business and operations must cease. All businesses and operations in the County, except Essential Businesses and Operations as defined below, are to cease all activities within the County except Minimum Basic Operations, as defined below. Businesses may continue operations consisting exclusively of employees or contractors performing activities at their own residences (i.e., working from home).

Prohibited activities. All public and private gatherings of more than 10 people are prohibited, except for the limited purposes permitted by this Proclamation. Nothing herein prohibits the gathering of members of a household or residence.

All places of public amusement where people may gather, whether indoors or outdoors, including but not limited to, locations with amusement rides, carnivals, amusement parks, water parks, aquariums, zoos, museums, arcades, fairs, children's play centers, playgrounds, recreation centers, funplexes, theme parks, bowling alleys, movie and other theaters, concert and music halls, and country clubs or social clubs shall be closed to the public.

This Proclamation supersedes the restrictions outlined in the Public Health Order to Restrict Mass Gatherings, which prohibited gatherings of 50 people or more.

Restrictions on nursing homes, long term care facilities and assisted living facilities operated pursuant to Article 6 of NC General Statute Chapter 131E.

1. **Leaving the home for essential activities is permitted.** For purposes of this Proclamation, individuals may leave their residence only to perform any of the following Essential Activities:
 - a. **For health and safety.** To engage in activities or perform tasks essential to their health and safety, or to the health and safety of their family or household members (including, but not limited to, pets), such as, by way of example only and without limitation, seeking emergency services, obtaining medical supplies or medication, or visiting a health care professional for medical services that cannot be provided virtually.
 - b. **For necessary supplies and services.** To obtain necessary services or supplies for themselves and their family or household members, or to deliver those services or supplies to others, such as, by way of example only and without limitation, groceries and food, household consumer products, supplies they need to work from home, and products necessary to maintain the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences.
 - c. **For outdoor activity.** To engage in outdoor activity, provided the individuals comply with Social Distancing Requirements, as defined herein, such as, by way of example and without limitation, walking, hiking, golfing, running, cycling, or using the greenways. Individuals may go to public parks and open outdoor recreation areas. However, playgrounds may increase spread of COVID-19, and therefore shall be closed.
 - d. **For certain types of work.** To perform work providing essential products and services at Essential Businesses or Operations (which, as defined below, includes Healthcare and Public Health Operations, Human Services Operations, Essential Governmental Functions, and Essential Infrastructure) or to otherwise carry out activities specifically permitted in this Executive Order, including Minimum Basic Operations.
 - e. **To take care of others.** To care for a family member, friend, or pet in another household, and to transport family members, friends, or pets as allowed by this Executive Order.
2. **Elderly people and those who are vulnerable** as a result of illness should take additional precautions. People at high risk of severe illness from COVID-19, including elderly people and those who are sick, are urged to stay in their residence to the extent possible except as necessary to seek medical care. Nothing in this Proclamation prevents the Mecklenburg County Public Health Director from issuing and enforcing isolation and quarantine orders or executing other duties as required

developmental disabilities, intellectual disabilities, substance use disorders, and/or mental illness; transitional facilities; home-based settings to provide services to individuals with physical, intellectual, and/or developmental disabilities, seniors, adults, and children; field offices that provide and help to determine eligibility for basic needs including food, cash assistance, medical coverage, child care, vocational services, rehabilitation services; developmental centers; adoption agencies; businesses that provide food, shelter, and social services, and other necessities of life for economically disadvantaged individuals, individuals with physical, intellectual, and/or developmental disabilities, or otherwise needy individuals.

Human Services Operations shall be construed broadly to avoid any impacts to the delivery of human services, broadly defined.

5. **Essential Infrastructure.** For purposes of this Proclamation, individuals may leave their residence to provide any services or perform any work necessary to offer, provision, operate, maintain and repair Essential Infrastructure.

Essential Infrastructure includes, but is not limited to: food production, distribution, and sale; construction (including, but not limited to, construction required in response to this public health emergency, hospital construction, construction of long-term care facilities, public works construction, and housing construction); building management and maintenance; airport operations; operation and maintenance of utilities, including water, sewer, and gas; electrical (including power generation, distribution, and production of raw materials); distribution centers; security system operation and maintenance; oil and biofuel refining; roads, highways, railroads, and public transportation; ports; cybersecurity operations; flood control; solid waste and recycling collection and removal; and internet, video, and telecommunications systems (including the provision of essential global, national, and local infrastructure for computing services, business infrastructure, communications, and web-based services).

Essential Infrastructure shall be construed broadly to avoid any impacts to essential infrastructure, broadly defined.

6. **Essential Governmental Functions.** For purposes of this Proclamation, all first responders, emergency management personnel, emergency dispatchers, court personnel, law enforcement and corrections personnel, hazardous materials responders, child protection and child welfare personnel, adult protection services, housing and shelter personnel, military, and other governmental employees working for or to support Essential Businesses and Operations are categorically exempt.

Essential Government Functions means all services provided by the County or any municipality, township, subdivision or agency of government and needed to ensure

- result of this emergency, and people with disabilities;
4. Media. Newspapers, television, radio, and other media services;
 5. Gas stations and businesses needed for transportation. Gas stations and auto-supply, auto-repair, and related facilities and bicycle shops and related facilities;
 6. Financial institutions. Banks, currency exchanges, consumer lenders, including but not limited, to payday lenders, pawnbrokers, consumer installment lenders and sales finance lenders, credit unions, appraisers, title companies, financial markets, trading and futures exchanges, affiliates of financial institutions, entities that issue bonds, related financial institutions, and institutions selling financial products;
 7. Hardware and supply stores. Hardware stores and businesses that sell electrical, plumbing, and heating material;
 8. Critical trades. Building and Construction Tradesmen and Tradeswomen, and other trades including but not limited to plumbers, electricians, exterminators, cleaning and janitorial staff for commercial and governmental properties, security staff, operating engineers, HVAC, painting, moving and relocation services, and other service providers who provide services that are necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences, Essential Activities, and Essential Businesses and Operations;
 9. Mail, post, shipping, logistics, delivery, and pick-up services. Post offices and other businesses that provide shipping and delivery services, and businesses that ship or deliver groceries, food, goods or services to end users or through commercial channels;
 10. Educational institutions. Educational institutions—including public and private pre-K-12 schools, colleges, and universities—for **purposes of facilitating distance learning, performing critical research related to COVID-19, or performing essential functions**, provided that social distancing of six-feet per person is maintained to the greatest extent possible. This Proclamation is consistent with and does not amend or supersede NC Governor's March 10, 2020 Executive Order, except that affected schools are ordered closed through May 15, 2020; Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System remains under the command and control of the superintendent of schools.
 11. Laundry services. Laundromats, dry cleaners, industrial laundry services, and laundry service providers;
 12. Restaurants for consumption off-premises. Restaurants and other facilities that

19. Childcare centers for specific employees exempted by this Proclamation. Childcare facilities providing services that enable first responders, healthcare workers, public health, HHS staff and others responding to COVID-19.
20. Manufacture, distribution, and supply chain for critical products and industries. Manufacturing companies, distributors, and supply chain companies producing and supplying essential products and services in and for industries such as pharmaceutical, technology, biotechnology, healthcare, chemicals and sanitization, waste pickup and disposal, agriculture, food and beverage, transportation, energy, steel and steel products, petroleum and fuel, mining, construction, national defense, communications, as well as products used by other Essential Businesses and Operations.
21. Hotels and motels. Hotels and motels, to the extent used for lodging and delivery or carry-out food services.
22. Funeral services. Funeral, mortuary, cremation, burial, cemetery, and related services.

Minimum Basic Operations. For purposes of this Proclamation, Minimum Basic Operations include the following, provided that employees comply with Social Distancing Requirements, to the extent possible, while carrying out such operations:

1. The minimum necessary activities to maintain the value of the business's inventory, preserve the condition of the business's physical plant and equipment, ensure security, process payroll and employee benefits, or for related functions.
2. The minimum necessary activities to facilitate employees of the business being able to continue to work remotely from their residences.

Essential Travel. For purposes of this Proclamation, Essential Travel includes travel for any of the following purposes. Individuals engaged in any Essential Travel must comply with all Social Distancing Requirements as defined in this Section.

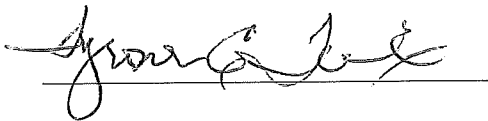
1. Any travel related to the provision of or access to Essential Activities, Essential Governmental Functions, Essential Businesses and Operations, or Minimum Basic Operations.
2. Travel to care for elderly, minors, dependents, persons with disabilities, or other vulnerable persons.

Any person violating any prohibition or restriction imposed by this proclamation as authorized by the Joint Proclamation of State of Emergency shall be guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor in accordance with G.S. 14-288.20A.

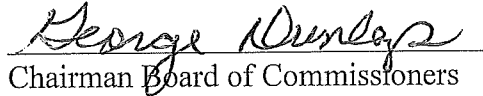
If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Proclamation is for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the Proclamation. The signatories hereby declare that it would have passed this Proclamation and each section, subsection, clause, and phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, or phrases be declared invalid.

This Proclamation is adopted and shall take effect on the 26th day of March, 2020 at 8:00 am.

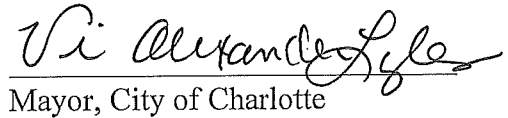
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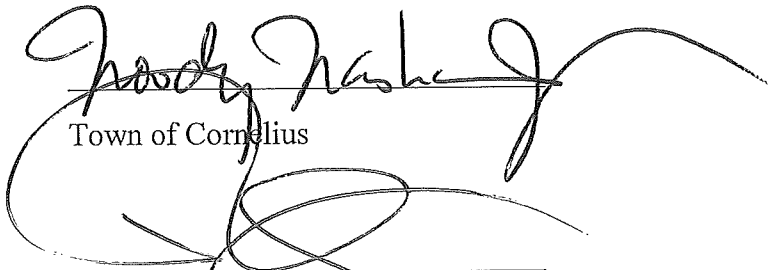
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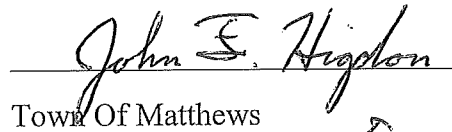
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Mayor, City of Charlotte



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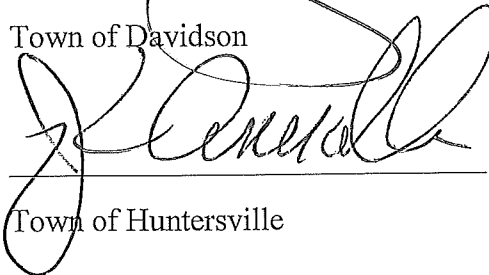


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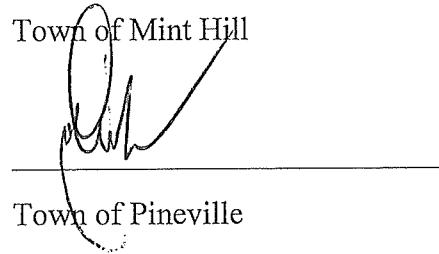


Town of Davidson

Town of Mint Hill



Town of Huntersville



Town of Pineville





Stay-in-Home Order Needed to Expedite Returning Mecklenburg County to Good Health and Prosperity
Action requested to help protect most vulnerable and to preserve necessary supplies for healthcare systems

March 23, 2020

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County Manager Diorio:

On behalf of the entire workforces of Atrium Health and Novant Health, we would like to thank you for your leadership during these unprecedented times. Preparedness and a willingness to be bold are essential in Mecklenburg County's efforts to combat coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and its effects on our people, our community and our economy.

As leaders of the leading healthcare systems in this region, we are writing today to formally request immediate action to **issue a county-wide stay-in-home order**. The leaders of some of our nation's most populated areas have taken this decisive action, in some cases only after COVID-19 had negatively affected significantly large numbers within their population, and perhaps too late to significantly impact the spread of this pandemic. Our predictive models show that **we have hours, not days, to help flatten the curve** in a way that does not overwhelm critical service. Each hour that passes, more and more residents are coming into contact with others, and the virus continues to spread rapidly. Mecklenburg County has a chance to curb the spread of COVID-19 by taking action now.

We care deeply about the safety of our patients, team members and the communities we serve. A stay-in-home order is in the best interests of protecting the health and well-being of our communities and our healthcare workers during this pandemic. Our healthcare workers are on the front lines doing everything possible to help treat and defeat this virus. They need your support to help protect those who are most vulnerable to COVID-19 and to preserve the necessary supplies each healthcare system requires to best care for patients during this pandemic.

We recognize that such an action will be followed by a series of possible unintended consequences, through its effects on the workforce and the economy as a whole. We have a proud history of supporting our communities and especially those who are underserved. We are committed to working with the county and our business community leaders once this state of emergency has passed to help address the needs of communities and their most vulnerable citizens and to help restore Mecklenburg County to good health and prosperity.

We appreciate your consideration of this action and the lives it will ultimately save. Thank you for your courageous leadership during these unprecedented times and for continually working in collaboration with our health systems.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Eugene A. Woods.

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