

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-06

DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the City of Brunswick, Georgia has experienced an event of critical significance as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) disease (“COVID-19”); and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump has declared a national emergency for the United States of America in response to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2020, Governor Brian Kemp declared a public health Emergency due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, as reported by the CDC effective as of March 23, 2020, Georgia now has over 700 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and approximately twenty-three (23) COVID-19 related deaths; and

WHEREAS, the CDC has issued guidance on the emerging and rapidly evolving situation of the COVID-19 pandemic, including how to protect oneself from illness; and

WHEREAS, social distancing is recommended by the CDC to prevent the continued spreading of the illness in the community; and

WHEREAS, if COVID-19 spreads in the City of Brunswick and the rest of Georgia, at a rate comparable to the rate of spread in other affected areas, it may greatly strain the resources and capabilities of county and municipal governments, including public health agencies, that provide essential services for containing and mitigating the spread of contagious diseases, such as COVID-19, and the situation may become too large in scope to be handled in its entirety by the normal county and municipal operating services in some parts of this State, and this situation may spread to other parts of the State; and

WHEREAS, in the judgment of the Mayor and Commission of the City of Brunswick, Georgia, as of the date of this Resolution, there exist emergency circumstances as a result of COVID-19 within the geographical boundaries of the City of Brunswick as described in the City of Brunswick Code of Ordinances, Chapter 25, Emergency Management Ordinance, requiring extraordinary and immediate corrective actions for the protection of the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City of Brunswick and the surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, to prevent or minimize injury to people and damage to property resulting from this event;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me by local and state law; **IT IS HEREBY DECLARED** that a local state of emergency exists and shall continue until the conditions requiring this declaration are abated.

WHEREFORE, IT IS NOW ORDERED:

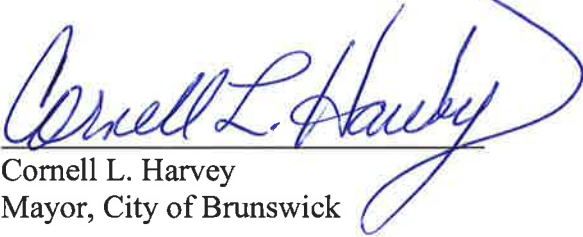
- (1) That the applicable local emergency operations plan is hereby activated;
- (2) As determined by the City Manager, to the extent possible, certain City employees should begin teleworking remotely from home.
- (3) The City of Brunswick can operate pursuant to the powers provided in the Emergency Management Ordinance, specifically Section 25-4.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, WITHIN THE JURISDICTIONAL LIMITS OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK:


- (4) That all bars and nightclubs, that do not serve food, shall be closed;
- (5) That all gyms and fitness centers, theaters, live performance venues, bowling alleys and arcades, and gaming machine areas shall be closed;
- (6) That all restaurants may continue preparing and offering food and drink to customers via delivery service, curbside service, drive-through, or take-out only; provided however, that cafeterias in hospitals, nursing homes, hospice centers, or similar facilities shall not be subject to these restrictions and may continue to operate under the safety measures mandated by the appropriate authorities;
- (7) Funerals consisting of more than 10 mourners are encouraged to conduct gravesite services only or postpone to a future date;
- (8) The issuance of City of Brunswick Special Event permits for the use of city parks, squares and other authorized public areas for weddings, parades and other activities will not be issued until further notice to comply with CDC guidelines to avoid the congregations of groups of more than 10 participants.
- (9) Religious institutions are encouraged to adhere to all CDC guidelines to avoid the congregation of groups of more than 10 practitioners and should offer live streaming and/or teleconferencing services;
- (10) All sightseeing, guided, and/or narrated tours shall cease;
- (11) This declaration shall take effect at noon on Tuesday, March 24, 2020.
- (12) This declaration shall expire on April 13, 2020, unless otherwise amended, extended, or cancelled by the Mayor.

(Signatures on the Following Page)

SO ORDERED this 23rd day of March 2020.


Cornell L. Harvey
Mayor, City of Brunswick




Attested to:
Naomi D. Atkinson, City Clerk