

Macon County



STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF MACON

REVOCATION, REPEAL, CANCELLATION, AND ENDING OF EMERGENCY REGULATIONS

WHEREAS, the coronavirus ("COVID-19") is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death and is a new strain of coronavirus previously unidentified in humans and can spread from person to person; and

WHEREAS, in response to the global spread of the virus and the disease it causes and the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a global pandemic on March 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared the ongoing COVID-19 a pandemic of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant an emergency declaration for all states, tribes, territories and the District of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, The Governor of North Carolina by Executive Order 116 declared a State of Emergency for the State of North Carolina on March 10, 2020; and

WHEREAS, The Macon Board of Commissioners declared a State of Emergency existed in Macon County and issued a Supplemental Proclamation of a State of Emergency on March 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS, The Governor of North Carolina by Executive Order 117 prohibited mass gatherings and directed the statewide closure of K-12 public schools to limit the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, in consultation with health care professionals and based upon guidance provided, arrangements were made immediately to take such actions as were deemed necessary and appropriate to ensure that residents and visitors in Macon County remained safe and secure; and

THAT AS A RESULT OF SUCH FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS, THE UNDERSIGNED DID PROMULGATE THE FOLLOWING EMERGENCY REGULATIONS AND AMENDMENTS THERETO UNDER § 31.05 OF THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE FOR THE COUNTY OF MACON LESS THE TOWN OF FRANKLIN AND THE TOWN OF HIGHLANDS:

- A. All county law enforcement, county employees, and all other emergency management personnel shall work with the Macon County Emergency Management Coordinator and their respective department heads to cooperate in the enforcement and implementation of any emergency ordinances and the provisions of the Macon County Emergency Operations Plan.
- B. Mass gatherings of persons in groups of more than 10 people are prohibited effective 6:00 p.m. Thursday, March 26, 2020.
 - i. A mass gathering is defined as any event or convening that brings together more than 10 people in a single room or single space at the same time, such as an auditorium, stadium, arena, large conference room, meeting hall, theater, or any other confined indoor or outdoor space. This includes parades, fairs, and festivals.
 - ii. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a mass gathering does not include normal operations at airports, medical facilities, and shopping centers, where more than ten (10) persons are gathered. It does not include office environments, factories, grocery stores, and retail establishments.
 - iii. Notwithstanding the foregoing, childcare facilities are permitted to remain open pursuant to guidance from the NC Division of Health and Human Services Division of Child Development and Early Education; and
 - iv. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a mass gathering does not include Essential Governmental Functions.
- C. It is hereby unlawful to sell or rent or offer to sell or rent any goods or services which are consumed or used as a direct result of an emergency or which are consumed or used to preserve, protect, or sustain life, health, safety, or economic well-being of persons or property with the knowledge and intent to charge a price that is unreasonably excessive under the circumstances or engage in any price gouging practices as defined by General Statutes.
- D. Effective Friday, March 27, 2020 at 5:00 p.m., all lodging facilities including hotels, motels, resorts, inns, guest houses, bed and breakfasts, campgrounds, RV Parks, vacation cabins, home rentals and any and all rentals or leases through other rental programs or places where the rentals or leases are for more than twenty-eight(28) days in duration but are not occupied

on a consistent basis, less the Town of Highlands and the Town of Franklin, shall be closed, EXCEPT as provided by the exemptions as hereinafter set forth:

- i. Work-Related Exemptions: This closure does not apply if a rental or lease or extended overnight accommodation is due to work here in Macon County for business, medical, construction, emergency services or other related services. In this situation, the employee staying at the lodging facility should have their employer provide their work-related identification badge or a letter from the employer stating the purpose of the work to be performed in Macon County and the expected duration of the stay.
 - ii. Homeless Shelter: This closure does not apply to lodging facilities housing needed to house the homeless from Macon County in an emergency related to the COVID-19 Response;
 - iii. Emergency Facility: This closure does not apply to a lodging facility if used as an emergency facility to assist with the COVID-19 Response;
 - iv. Exemption: Rentals of a week or longer which serve as the principal residence of the person occupying the same.
- E. All passengers and crew members arriving at the Macon County Airport will be screened by Macon County Personnel designated by the Macon County Emergency Management Coordinator who have been properly trained to conduct the same or individuals who have been designated by the Macon County Emergency Management Coordinator who have been properly trained to conduct the same for COVID-19 symptoms including fever. Anyone screened who is symptomatic or presents with a fever will be referred to an appropriate medical professional and shall subject to Quarantine and/or Isolation Orders by the Macon County Health Director in accordance with applicable North Carolina State Law to limit exposure to our residents and prevent a hardship on our healthcare system.
- F. All persons whose point of departure originates from outside the area of Macon County in an area of "community spread", which currently includes the States of New York, New Jersey, Washington, and Florida, and which will include other States which are subsequently designated areas of "community spread", and who enter into Macon County for the sole purpose of relocating temporarily into an area of less community spread, shall be subject to Quarantine and/or Isolation Orders by the Macon County Health Director in accordance with applicable North Carolina State Law and are hereby specifically requested to self-quarantine or self-isolate themselves, as appropriate, for a period of fourteen (14) days to limit exposure to our residents and prevent a hardship on our healthcare industry.

THAT SINCE PROMULGATING SUCH EMERGENCY REGULATIONS, THE FOLLOWING CHANGES IN CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE OCCURRED IN THE COUNTY OF MACON LESS THE TOWN OF FRANKLIN AND THE TOWN OF HIGHLANDS WHICH WARRANT REVOKING, REPEALING, CANCELING AND ENDING SUCH REGULATIONS:


- A. The Governor of the State of North Carolina issued Executive Orders Nos. 121-122, 124-125, and 129-131 as proactive steps to prevent and respond to COVID-19, and for the purposes of protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the people of North Carolina.
- B. The Governor of the State of North Carolina issued Executive Order No. 135 as a proactive step protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the people of North Carolina extending stay at home order and orders limiting mass gathering, requiring social distancing, and restricting visitation at long term care facilities.
- C. The Governor of the State of North Carolina has shared information about how North Carolina can gradually and safely re-open over three(3) phases while beginning to bring the economy back.
- D. The number of COVID-19 positive patients so far has minimally impacted the healthcare system in Macon County.
- E. Macon County Public Health has made recommendations for a reopening of Macon County in phases consistent with the principles of the phases shared by the Governor of the State of North Carolina, including provisions to pause reopening actions or take further actions if case counts, hospitalizations, or deaths increase and such actions are deemed necessary and appropriate.
- F. That improvements in the trends of data and statistics for Macon County (less the Town of Franklin and the Town of Highlands) and otherwise concerning the spread of COVID-19 indicate to the undersigned that by the beginning of May 8, 2020, the Emergency Regulations that were heretofore promulgated by the Macon County Emergency Management Coordinator as referenced hereinabove will no longer be necessary.

NOW THEREFORE, THE MACON COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR DOES HEREBY DETERMINE AND DEEM BASED UPON THE FOREGOING THAT THE EMERGENCY REGULATIONS THAT HE HERETOFORE PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO §31.05 OF THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF MACON AS SET FORTH HEREINABOVE WILL NO LONGER BE NECESSARY TO PROTECT LIFE AND PROPERTY AND PRESERVE CRITICAL RESOURCES IN THE COUNTY OF MACON LESS THE TOWN OF FRANKLIN AND THE TOWN OF HIGHLANDS AS OF THE BEGINNING OF MAY 8, 2020, AND HE DOES THEREFORE HEREBY REVOKE, REPEAL, CANCEL, AND END THE SAME, EFFECTIVE THE BEGINNING OF THE 8TH DAY OF MAY, 2020, SO THAT THE SAME SHALL NO LONGER BE IN EFFECT IN THE COUNTY OF MACON LESS THE

TOWN OF FRANKLIN AND THE TOWN OF HIGHLANDS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE 8TH DAY OF MAY, 2020, AT 5:00 P.M.

THAT NOTWITHSTANDING THE FOREGOING, THIS REVOCATION, REPEAL, CANCELLATION AND ENDING OF EMERGENCY REGULATIONS SHALL IN NO WAY AFFECT THE VALIDITY OF THE EXECUTIVE ORDERS OF THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA WHICH REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

THIS THE 29th DAY OF APRIL, 2020.



WARREN CABE
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR
MACON COUNTY