



## Executive Order 2020-05

**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 worldwide pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 16, 2020, pursuant to my authority under the City of Woodstock Emergency Management Ordinance as Mayor of the City of Woodstock, I signed a Declaration of Local Emergency activating certain emergency powers in order to allow the City to quickly and appropriately respond to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 16, 2020, the President of the United States in conjunction with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued Coronavirus Guidelines for America - 15 Days to Slow the Spread; and

**WHEREAS**, these guidelines contain recommendations on how to protect oneself from the COVID-19 pandemic, including recommendations such as avoiding social gatherings in groups of more than ten (10) people for fifteen (15) days; and

**WHEREAS**, those guidelines include a recommendation that communities with evidence of community transmission consider closing restaurants, food courts, gyms, and other indoor and outdoor venues where groups of people congregate; and

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

**WHEREAS**, on March 24, 2020, City of Woodstock prohibited inside dining at all restaurants to help slow the spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 23, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order No. 03.23.20.01, which requires the Department of Public Health to order that certain specific higher risk populations to shelter in place for fourteen (14) days; and

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order No. 03.23.20.01 further orders 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**, the confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Cherokee County and in the State of Georgia continue to rise and have more than doubled since my Declaration of Local Emergency in the City of Woodstock on March 16, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with City of Woodstock's Emergency Management Ordinance and pursuant to my March 16 Declaration of Local Emergency, the City of Woodstock has the ability to exercise such powers as may be deemed necessary to promote and secure the safety and protection of the civilian population during an emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, I believe that it is necessary to temporarily close certain establishments, where the public gathers and where social distancing recommendations cannot be maintained, to help slow the spread of COVID-19 in the City of Woodstock in order to help protect the health and safety of the residents and businesses of the City of Woodstock; and

**WHEREAS**, I further believe that it is necessary to require social distancing measures where businesses, corporations, non-profit entities, and other organizations continue to operate to help slow the spread of COVID-19 in the City of Woodstock;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Woodstock by local and state law;

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:**

- (1) Athletic clubs and facilities, instructional studios with more than ten (10) people in attendance at any one-time including staff, movie/performance theaters, live performance venues, bowling alleys, arcades, massage parlors and other similar establishments within the City of Woodstock be temporarily closed.
- (2) Restaurants, food courts, brewpubs, breweries, and other eating establishments within the City of Woodstock cease offering dine-in service. Such establishments may continue to prepare and offer food to customers through delivery, takeout, and/or drive-thru service. Any establishment that is

licensed for on-premises consumption of alcoholic beverages shall be authorized to sell unopened bottles or new, sealed growlers of beer or unopened bottles of wine curbside or to takeout customers only during the times specified by alcoholic beverage license and pertinent Code sections. The City of Woodstock makes no representations as to the effect of these types of sales on an establishment's state liquor license. .

- (3) Cafeterias or on-site dining services in hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and other similar facilities within the City of Woodstock following previously issued state and federal public health guidelines shall not be subject to closure requirements of this Order.
- (4) All employers and business which remain open for use by the public must take the necessary steps to restrict in person contact and maintain a distance of 6 feet between individuals while in the establishment.
- (5) The Governor's Executive Order No. 03.23.20.01 is hereby incorporated by reference herein, such that:
  - a. All persons ordered by the Department of Public Health to isolate, quarantine, or shelter in place within their homes or place of residence shall comply with such executive order or administrative order. In accordance with the Governor's Executive Order, the following populations are specifically included:
    - i. Those persons who live in a nursing home or long-term care facility;
    - ii. Those persons who have chronic lung disease;
    - iii. Those persons who are currently undergoing cancer treatment; and
    - iv. Those persons included in any Department of Public Health Administrative Order.
  - b. All businesses which possess a license to operate as or otherwise meet the definition of "bar" as defined in Official Code of Georgia Section 3-1-2(2.1) shall cease operation.
  - c. 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 to be seated within six (6) feet of any other person.

- (6) The City of Woodstock strongly encourages residents to limit travel and remain indoors as much as possible during this crisis to limit the spread of the virus.
- (7) The City Manager shall be authorized to utilize personnel and resources, including but not limited to the Woodstock Police Department, to support compliance with and to assist in the enforcement of this Order.
- (8) The provisions of this Order shall be effective beginning March 25, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. and shall expire on April 12, 2020 at 11:59 p.m.
- (9) Any previous Executive Orders in conflict with this Executive Order are hereby repealed.
- (10) All deadlines of any action, determination or decision required by any official, employee, board or the City Council of the City of Woodstock under the provision of the City of Woodstock Code of Ordinances shall be tolled for the duration of this Order, and for thirty (30) days following the expiration of the Order.
- (11) Nothing in this Order shall be construed as creating any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the City of Woodstock, its departments, officers, employees or agents, or any other person.
- (12) The City of Woodstock shall seek reimbursement from the State of Georgia and/or FEMA for all eligible expenditures.

So Ordered this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020.



Donnie Henriques, Mayor  
City of Woodstock