

PROCLAMATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR DAVIE COUNTY

Pursuant to the authority granted to North Carolina counties under the North Carolina Emergency Management Act (Article 1 of Chapter 166A and Article 36A, Chapter 14 of the North Carolina General Statutes), and also pursuant to authority granted by the Davie County Code of Ordinances, the following findings and proclamation is hereby made:

Whereas, COVID-19 is a serious communicable disease that can result in serious illness or death; and

Whereas, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a global pandemic; and

Whereas, on March 10, 2020, the Governor of North Carolina declared a State of Emergency in North Carolina and issued Executive Order No. 116 regarding COVID-19 to address the public health emergency and to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of residents and visitors; and

Whereas, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant an Emergency Declaration due to the national emergency, retroactive to March 1, 2020; and

Whereas, on March 14, 2020, the Governor of North Carolina issue Executive Order No. 117 which prohibited mass gatherings of more than one-hundred (100) people in the State of North Carolina, closed K-12 public schools and urged all persons to maintain social distancing (approximately 6 feet away from other people) whenever possible to limit the spread of COVID-19; and

Whereas, on March 15, 2020, the National Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) warned of COVID-19 and the high public health threat for large events and mass gatherings and recommended that “persons should avoid events that consist of 50 or more people” until further notice. Further, “events of any size should only be continued if they can be carried out with adherence to guidelines for protecting the vulnerable population, hand hygiene, and social distancing”; and

Whereas, on March 16, 2020, the President of the United States issues new guidelines called the “15 Days to Slow the Spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19), calling on people to avoid social gatherings in groups of more than ten (10) people”; and

Whereas, on March 16, 2020, Davie County Government proclaimed a State of Emergency Declaration to coordinate the County’s response to protective actions to address the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) emergency to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of residents and visitors located in Davie County; and

Whereas, on March 17, 2020, the Governor of North Carolina issued Executive Order No. 118 which limited operations of restaurants and bars and broadening unemployment insurance in response to COVID-19; and

Whereas, on March 17, 2020, the North Carolina Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) confirmed that the number of COVID-19 cases continues to rise in North Carolina and further issued an Order of Abatement of Imminent Hazard stating “all restaurants are restricted to carry-out, drive through, and delivery”, and “all restaurant seating areas shall close immediately” (interpreted by DHHS to be both inside and outside seating); and

Whereas, on March 21, 2020, the first case of COVID-19 was confirmed in Davie County.

Whereas, as a result of the above-described events, I have determined that there is an imminent threat of, or existing conditions have caused or will cause, widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property, and public safety authorities will be unable to maintain public order or afford adequate protection for lives or property; and

Whereas, proclaiming a local State of Emergency Declaration and imposing the restrictions and prohibitions ordered herein is necessary to maintain order and protect public health, safety, and welfare, and to secure property; and

Whereas, our local governmental departments must use all preventative measure, which will require access to available national, state, and local services, personnel, equipment, and facilities to respond to COVID-19 due to the public health threat to protect our most vulnerable citizens; and

Now therefore it be resolved, in compliance with the Proclamations and Declarations of the President of the United States, the Executive Orders of the Governor of North Carolina, and the North Carolina Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services Order of Abatement of Imminent Hazard, and after consultation with local departmental authorities, the undersigned hereby declares that a State of Emergency now exists in Davie County.

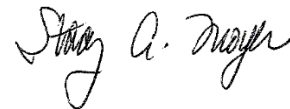
In accordance with this Proclamation, and until it is rescinded, I hereby further resolve, declare, and order that:

1. A State of Emergency now exists within Davie County, North Carolina. This Declaration, and the directives included within it, includes all the unincorporated areas of the County, and, with the consent of the incorporated areas of the Town of Mocksville, Town of Cooleemee, and Town of Bermuda Run.
2. The Proclamations and Declarations of the President of the United States, the Executive Orders of the Governor of North Carolina, and the North Carolina Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services Order of Abatement of Imminent Hazard shall be followed.
3. Local governments, shall take action as necessary to promote emergency contingency plans to secure the safety and protection of those dwelling in Davie County.
4. Local government buildings shall be closed to the public. Alternative means of contacting each department shall be posted on the exterior doors, online/electronically, and/or via social media notifying residents of options to do business without entering the premises.
5. All upcoming local government meetings shall be assessed to prevent gathering persons together risking exposure to the public. This will include all Boards, Committees, and Council/Commissioner meetings. Such meetings shall be postponed, rescheduled, or provide alternative means to meet electronically to avoid mass gatherings. Alternative means of meeting (electronic streaming, webinar, conference call, pre-submission prior to meetings, etc.) shall be assessed according to each governing body to ensure that citizens have a means of public comment each month. If meetings occur, all members shall implement social distancing measures. Davie County Government has no jurisdiction regarding state governed entities as those elected/administrative bodies will need to make their own informed decisions.
6. All public meetings in interior governmental facilities used by non-governmental organizations and community organizations shall cease and be relocated. Davie County Government has no jurisdiction regarding state or federal governed entities who are located in governmental

facilities, as those elected/administrative bodies will need to make their own informed decisions about activities occurring in their space.

7. All residential facilities (nursing homes, independent and assisted living facilities, correction facilities, and facilities that care for the medically vulnerable) shall consult with public health and develop protective plans (to be approved by public health), which shall include performing temperature and respiratory symptom screening of residents, staff, and visitors. Facilities shall also implement social distancing measures.
8. All businesses that have devices that use an entertaining display for video gaming/sweepstakes purposes shall be closed to restrict the flow of visitors in Davie County; and
9. All Davie County law enforcement officers under the command of the Davie County Sheriff, JD Hartman; all county emergency service and public safety resources at the direction of Davie County Emergency Services Director, Brian Byrd; and all resources under the authority of the Health and Human Services Director, Suzanne Wright, shall cooperate in the enforcement and implementation of the provisions of this Declaration, all applicable local ordinances, state and federal laws, and Davie County Emergency Operations; and
10. Should the best interest of public safety and protection necessitate further closings of buildings and other private businesses, and/or issue a quarantine to minimize entry into establishments where people may congregate, or other activities or conditions the control of which may be reasonably necessary to maintain order and protect lives or property during this state of emergency, local officials shall notify me as such and a modified proclamation will be issued; and
11. Public Notice shall be given to: the general public; filed with Clerk to the Davie County Board of Commissioners; and distributed to others as necessary to ensure proper implementation of this Declaration; and
12. The Original Proclamation "Checklist" enacted on March 16, 2020, enforcing the Davie County Emergency Ordinance and authorizing the prohibitions and restrictions during a State of Emergency, shall remain in effect with no changes; and
13. The Proclamation of the State of Emergency Declaration is hereby modified from the March 16, 2020 issuance, shall take effect on March 21, 2020, at 11:00 a.m., and shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded. PROCLAIMED the date and time set forth above.

Attest



Terry Renegar, Chairman
Davie County Board of Commissioners

Stacy Moyer, Clerk to the Board