

DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS the novel coronavirus disease-2019 (COVID-19) is a new disease spreading across the globe causing flu-like symptoms, but with a significantly higher rate of death, particularly among those who are elderly or medically vulnerable;

WHEREAS COVID-19 is believed to have begun in Wuhan, China, in late 2019, the first case was detected in the United States on January 21, 2020, and the first case was confirmed in North Carolina on March 3, 2020;

WHEREAS on January 31, 2020, Health and Human Services Secretary, Alex M. Azar, II, declared COVID-19 to be a public health emergency in the United States;

WHEREAS on March 10, 2020, in order to address and mitigate the threat of COVID-19 to vulnerable populations and to slow the spread of COVID-19 in North Carolina, Governor Roy Cooper declared a state of emergency in North Carolina;

WHEREAS on March 11, 2020, noting that COVID-19 had infected more than 118,000 people in 114 countries and caused 4,291 deaths, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 to be a pandemic;

WHEREAS on March 12, 2020, the North Carolina State Laboratory of Public Health stated that two Forsyth County residents tested presumptively positive for COVID-19;

WHEREAS on March 13, 2020, President Trump declared the COVID-19 pandemic to be a national emergency;

WHEREAS as a result of the above-described public health emergency, 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 may be unable to maintain public order or afford adequate protection for lives or property; and

WHEREAS declaring a State of Emergency and imposing the restrictions and prohibitions ordered herein, if any, is necessary to maintain order and protect public health, safety, and welfare, and to secure property;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as the Mayor of the Village of Clemmons under Chapter 166A-19.31 of the North Carolina General Statutes and Chapter 33 of the Clemmons Code of Ordinances, I hereby declare and proclaim the following:

Section 1. A State of Emergency is hereby declared within the jurisdiction of the Village of Clemmons.

Section 2. The emergency area covered by this state of emergency shall be within the corporate limits of the Village of Clemmons.

Section 3. In accordance with North Carolina General Statute 166A-19.31, the Village of Clemmons can enact a variety of different restrictions and/or prohibitions as this evolving situation warrants. At this time there are no restrictions.

Section 4. I hereby request that all residents, visitors, businesses, and establishments within the Village of Clemmons follow any and all directives and recommendations set forth by the United States Federal Government and its designated agencies, the North Carolina Governor's office, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, the Forsyth County Department of Public Health, and any other government agency having proper jurisdiction to address this emergency within the Village of Clemmons.

Section 5. I hereby order all Village of Clemmons' contracted law enforcement officers, emergency response personnel, and all other Village employees subject to our control to cooperate in the enforcement and implementation of the provisions of this Declaration, all applicable local ordinances, state, and federal laws, and the Village of Clemmons Emergency Operations Plan.

Section 6. I hereby order this declaration: (a) to be distributed to the news media and other organizations calculated to bring its contents to the attention of the general public; (b) to be filed with Clerk to the Village of Clemmons; and (c) to be distributed to others as necessary to ensure proper implementation of this declaration.

Section 7. This declaration shall take effect on Monday, March 16, 2020, at 8:30am, and shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded.

DECLARED this the 16th of March, 2020, at 8:30 am.



John Wait
Mayor, Village of Clemmons

ATTEST:



Lisa Shortt, NCCMC
Village Clerk