



## **THIRD DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY GOVERNOR'S STAY AT HOME ORDERS**

**WHEREAS** the novel coronavirus disease-2019 (COVID-19) is a 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; and

**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; and

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

**WHEREAS** on March 10, 2020, Governor Roy Cooper declared a state of emergency in North Carolina; and

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

**WHEREAS** on March 16, 2020, the undersigned declared a state of emergency in Clemmons, North Carolina, but did not enact any restrictions at that time; and

**WHEREAS** on March 25, 2020, the undersigned signed a Second Declaration of State of Emergency and Shelter in Place Order that enacted mandatory travel restrictions, business restrictions, and gathering and distancing requirements within the Village; and

**WHEREAS** on March 27, 2020, Governor Roy Cooper signed Executive Order 121, which limited travel, restricted business activities, and mandated certain gathering and distancing rules, but permitted local orders to remain effective to the extent they did not conflict with the Governor's order; and

**WHEREAS** on April 9, 2020, Governor Cooper signed Executive Order 131, which enacted strict gathering, distancing, and disinfecting restrictions that businesses must follow if they remain open for customer traffic, such restrictions specifically superseding any conflicting local restrictions; and

**WHEREAS** the undersigned has conferred with local health officials and confirmed that they continue to support aggressive measures to slow the spread of COVID-19 within Clemmons in order to preserve precious supplies to treat those with COVID-19 and other serious illnesses and injuries; and

**WHEREAS** current projections by healthcare experts show that if gathering and distancing rules as well as business restrictions, such as those enacted by the Governor, are followed through mid to late May, then North Carolina's healthcare system will likely have enough capacity to handle the expected surge of serious cases of COVID-19 requiring acute medical care; and

**WHEREAS** the mandates of Executive Orders 121 and 131 are substantially similar to, and in some instances more restrictive than, the mandatory restrictions in Second Declaration of State of Emergency and Shelter in Place Order currently in effect in the Village; and

**WHEREAS** Executive Order 131 expressly directs that its purpose is to create uniformity across the State of North Carolina, and the undersigned believes that such uniformity is in the best interest of Clemmons; and

**WHEREAS** as a result of the above-described public health emergency, I have determined that there still exists 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 N.C.G.S. § 166A-19.31 and Chapter 33 of the Clemmons Code of Ordinances, and after consulting with the Village Council, I hereby declare and proclaim the following:

**Section 1.** The previously ordered States of Emergency in Clemmons, declared on March 16, 2020, and March 25, 2020, are hereby reaffirmed and amended as follows.

**Section 2.** The restrictions in the Second Declaration of State of Emergency and Shelter in Place Order signed on March 25, 2020, including those in Sections 3 and 4 of such order, shall expire at 12:01 a.m., Thursday, April 16, 2020. At that time, the Village of Clemmons will no longer have separate shelter-in-place restrictions, and only Governor Cooper’s stay-at-home order, Executive Order 121, and any subsequent orders from the Governor, including the additional requirements of Executive Order 131, shall apply within the Village.

**Section 3.** The emergency area shall be within the corporate limits of the Village of Clemmons.

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

Such recommendations include, but are not limited to:

- A. Any person within the Village using a facemask in such circumstances as recommended by the CDC or the NCDHHS;
- B. Any business conducting activity:
  - a. Creating and maintaining a protective barrier between store employees and customers at the point of sale, if applicable;
  - b. Making hand-sanitizer available to employees and customers and encouraging hand-washing to the extent recommended by the CDC or the NCDHHS;
  - c. Posting signage to remind employees and customers to maintain social distancing; and
  - d. Continuing virtual, curbside, delivery, or other methods that facilitate a contact-free transaction.

**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 amended declaration shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded.

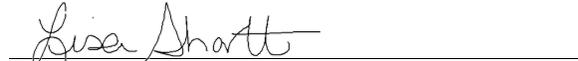
**DECLARED** this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020, at 2:30 p.m.



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John Wait  
Mayor, Village of Clemmons

**ATTEST:**



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Lisa Shortt, NCCMC  
Village Clerk