

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUNWOODY, GEORGIA REQUESTING ENHANCED STATEWIDE AND/OR REGIONAL GUIDANCE FROM THE STATE OF GEORGIA IN ORDER TO PROMOTE A CONCERTED AND COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

WHEREAS, THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS KNOWN AS COVID-19 BECAME PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE IN NOVEMBER 2019; AND

WHEREAS, THE ON MARCH 11, 2020 WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION HAS DECLARED THE SPREAD OF THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS DISEASE A GLOBAL PANDEMIC (“COVID-19 PANDEMIC”); AND

WHEREAS, ON MARCH 13, 2020, PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP DECLARED A NATIONAL EMERGENCY IN RESPONSE TO THE OUTBREAK OF COVID-19; AND

WHEREAS, ON MARCH 14, 2020, GOVERNOR BRIAN KEMP DECLARED THAT A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY EXISTS IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA DUE TO THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 WITHIN GEORGIA; AND

WHEREAS, THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 GLOBAL PANDEMIC IS A PUBLIC EMERGENCY AFFECTING AND THREATENING THE SAFETY, HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY; AND

WHEREAS, THE CITY OF DUNWOODY RESIDES WITHIN METRO ATLANTA AND IS BORDERED BY __ SEPARATE MUNICIPALITIES; AND

WHEREAS, MAYOR AND COUNCIL AND CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF DUNWOODY WOULD BENEFIT GREATLY FROM A COMPREHENSIVE AND COORDINATED REGULATORY RESPONSE TO THE RAPIDLY ESCALATING COVID-19 PANDEMIC; AND

WHEREAS, MAYOR AND COUNCIL AND DUNWOODY STAFF HAVE BEEN WORKING DILIGENTLY TO FORMULATE THE APPROPRIATE RESPONSES AND REGULATIONS TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC WHICH WILL BE EFFECTIVE, PROPORTIONAL AND INSTRUCTIONAL TO ITS CITIZENS AS THEY CONFRONT THIS UNPRECEDENTED CHALLENGE; AND

WHEREAS, BOTH DUNWOODY’S SURROUNDING NEIGHBORS, AND CITIES AND COUNTIES ACROSS THE STATE HAVE BEEN PASSING EMERGENCY ORDINANCES IN ORDER RESPOND TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC; AND

WHEREAS, WHILE THE EMERGENCY ORDINANCES HAVE BEEN SIMILAR IN SOME RESPECTS, THEY HAVE VARIED WIDELY IN REGARD TO THE LANGUAGE

USED AND THE SPECIFICS OF HOW EACH JURISDICTION HAS APPROACHED THE APPROPRIATE REGULATORY RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC; AND

WHEREAS, THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL AND CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF DUNWOODY WOULD BENEFIT GREATLY FROM A COMPREHENSIVE AND COORDINATED REGULATORY RESPONSE TO THE RAPIDLY ESCALATING COVID-19 PANDEMIC; AND

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY, AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY AUTHORITY OF THE SAME, AS FOLLOWS:

(1) THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUNWOODY GEORGIA RESPECTFULLY CALL UPON THE STATE OF GEORGIA TO DEVELOP A STATEWIDE SYSTEM OF GUIDANCE AND REGULATIONS TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC; AND

(2) THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF GEORGIA DIFFER GREATLY NOT ONLY IN THEIR GEOGRAPHIC AND ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES, BUT ALSO IN THE DEGREE IN WHICH THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC HAS BECOME PRESENT IN THEIR COMMUNITIES, AND

(3) DESPITE SUCH DIVERSITY, THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL BELIEVE THAT PROMULGATING A STATEWIDE SYSTEM OF GUIDANCE AND REGULATIONS IS OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE IN THE FACE OF THIS ESCALATING THREAT TO OUR CITIZENS AND WOULD PRESENT A CLEAR, UNDERSTANDABLE, AND CONSISTENT MESSAGE THROUGHOUT THE STATE

(4) SUCH SYSTEM COULD ADDRESS VARYING REGIONS AND INFECTION LEVELS, AND THE BENEFIT OF ONE CONSISTENT AND CLEAR VOICE PROVIDING GUIDANCE AND REGULATIONS IN THE FACE OF THIS UNPRECEDENTED THREAT IS OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE AND SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED WITH ALL HASTE.

RESOLVED this ___ day of _____, 2020.

CITY OF DUNWOODY, GEORGIA

By: _____
Lynn Deutsch, Mayor

(Seal)

ATTEST:

Clerk

CLERK’S CERTIFICATE

The undersigned Clerk of the City of Dunwoody, Georgia (the “City”) DOES HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing pages of typewritten matter constitute a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted on _____, 2020, by the Mayor and Council of the City (the “Governing Body”) in a meeting duly called and assembled, which was open to the public and at which a quorum was present and acting throughout, and that the original of said resolution appears of record in the Minute Book of the Governing Body which is in the undersigned’s custody and control, and that a certified copy of the same is available for distribution upon request to members of the general public.

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of the City, this ___ day of _____,
2020.

Clerk

(SEAL)

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**THE SECOND RESTATEMENT AND AMENDMENT OF EMERGENCY
ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
DUNWOODY, GEORGIA, UNDER SECTION 1.03 OF THE CHARTER
OF THE CITY OF DUNWOODY, GEORGIA, DECLARING LOCAL
EMERGENCY OF THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019
GLOBAL PANDEMIC, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Dunwoody, Georgia ("City"), are charged with the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City; and

WHEREAS, Section 1.03 of the Charter of the City of Dunwoody, Georgia ("City Charter"), empowers the Mayor and City Council to establish procedures for determining and proclaiming that an emergency situation exists within or without the City, and to make and carry out all reasonable provisions deemed necessary to deal with or meet such an emergency for the protection, safety, health or well-being of the citizens of the City; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has declared the novel coronavirus known as COVID-19 as a global pandemic ("COVID-19 Pandemic"); and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump declared a national emergency in response to the outbreak of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2020, Governor Brian Kemp declared that a public health emergency exists in the State of Georgia due to the spread of COVID-19 within Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus disease 2019 global pandemic is a public emergency affecting and threatening the safety, health and well-being of the citizens of the City; and

WHEREAS, to prevent or minimize injury to people resulting from this event, certain actions are required; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Dunwoody, Georgia ("City Council"), that:

SECTION 1. The City Council hereby declares that a state of emergency exists within the City affecting the safety, health and well-being of citizens due to the novel coronavirus disease 2019 global pandemic ("COVID-19 Pandemic").

SECTION 2. The following provisions shall govern the operation of the City during the COVID-19 Pandemic:

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2.1 Essential Services Continued. The operation of essential services including, but not limited to, those related to public safety and health, as determined now or hereafter by the City Council, shall continue during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

2.2 Public Hearings/Meetings of City-Affiliated Entities. All public hearings and meetings of City-affiliated boards, committees, commissions and zoning and administrative entities of the City, such as the Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, are hereby suspended until this Ordinance, or any re-enactment hereof, is repealed or expires. At the termination of this Ordinance, the scheduling of hearings shall resume in the ordinary course of business, barring further extension of this Ordinance.

2.3 Matters Requiring Public Hearing. All matters requiring a public hearing, including but not limited to zonings, special use permits, variances, and regulatory permits (i.e., alcohol) are hereby stayed while this Ordinance is in effect. At the termination of this Ordinance, the scheduling of hearings shall resume in the ordinary course of business, barring further extension of this Ordinance. City staff are directed to work with applicants and those otherwise affected by this stay to ensure that financial impact and/or disruptions to business function is kept to a minimum.

2.4 Existing Regulatory Permits. If there are in effect existing regulatory permits that require a public hearing prior to renewal or extension, and that will lapse in the absence of such renewal or extension, then such permits shall be extended and remain in full force and effect until such time as public hearings are resumed.

2.5 City Council Operations. City Council shall continue to operate and assemble at public meetings, subject to the following;

- (a) Pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1(g), City Council may conduct public meetings via teleconference while this Ordinance is in effect, without the requirement of having a quorum present in person, so long as notice is provided and simultaneous access is afforded to the public to the teleconference meeting.
- (b) All policy-making functions of City Council (i.e., strategic plans, ordinances, land use planning functions, visioning, development of City-wide objectives and goals, and like activities) shall be suspended while this Ordinance is in effect, except for policy-making and ordinance functions *directly* related to addressing COVID-19 and related public health and safety issues;
- (c) All zonings, plats, variances, and other land-use decision-making shall be suspended while this Ordinance is in effect;

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- (d) All non-essential business (i.e., proclamations, presentations, etc.) shall be suspended while this Ordinance is in effect;
- (e) Contract, budgeting, and fiscal operations shall continue in the ordinary course of business.

2.6 Re-Enaction or Repeal of Ordinance. On or before the thirtieth (30th) day after the date this Ordinance, or any re-enaction hereof, is adopted, the City Council shall convene on the call of the Mayor and one (1) councilmember, or three (3) councilmembers of the City Council to re-enact or repeal this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. The City strongly urges all citizens to review and comply with:

3.1 CDC Guidelines for Coronavirus, as they may evolve during the course of the COVID-19 Pandemic, found at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>; and

3.2 The President's Coronavirus Guidelines for America, as they may evolve during the course of the COVID-19 Pandemic, found at https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/03.16.20_coronavirus-guidance_8.5x11_315PM.pdf; and

3.3 State of Georgia Guidelines for Coronavirus through the Georgia Department of Public Health, as they may evolve during the course of the COVID-19 Pandemic, found at <https://dph.georgia.gov/novelcoronavirus>.

SECTION 4. Whereas Sections 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3 of this Section became effective as of 9:00 p.m. Friday, March 20, 2020, the Mayor and City Council now further ordain that as of 12:01 a.m. Tuesday, March 24, 2020, Sections 4.4 and 4.5 below shall become effective, in full force, and mandatory for all businesses subject to these requirements:

4.1 Restaurants and Businesses that sell food or beverages for consumption on premises

4.1(a) All restaurants or businesses who sell food or beverages for consumption on premises shall be closed to in-person dining, consumption of alcohol, or other business activities until the expiration of this declaration of emergency; provided that this requirement shall not apply to any retail grocery stores so long as they have discontinued and closed any areas designated for the consumption of food on the premises.

4.1(b) Restaurants or businesses who sell food may offer food for take-away or for customers to eat somewhere other than at the establishment.

4.1(c) Businesses affected by these closures shall establish systems that

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ensure that all onsite consumption of food is prohibited, and that patrons, employees and contractors of the business maintain at least 6 feet of personal distance between themselves as much as possible given the physical constraints of the premises.

4.1(d) If a restaurant is licensed by the City of Dunwoody to sell beer and wine for on-premises consumption, such business during the efficacy of this declaration only, shall be authorized to sell unopened bottles of beer or wine for take-out consumption off-premises. Any alcohol licensee who engages in a course of conduct permitted under this ordinance does so at the licensee's own peril as it concerns the licensee's state liquor license. This ordinance makes no representation as to the legality, under state law and state alcohol licenses, of any course of conduct undertaken pursuant to this ordinance.

4.2 Gyms, Studios, or Sports Clubs offering use of Exercise Equipment, Shared Activity Spaces, or Close Contact Sports

4.2(a) Due to the joint use of equipment and spaces, and close proximity required to deliver both exercise facilities, shared studios, and close contact sports, the same being in contravention to the public health, safety and welfare due to the nature of this emergency, Gyms, Studios, or Sports Clubs offering use of exercise equipment and spaces, or close contact sports shall discontinue business until this emergency declaration is terminated.

4.3 Cafeterias in Hospitals, Nursing Homes, or Similar Facilities

4.3(a) Cafeterias in hospitals, nursing homes, or similar facilities shall not be subject to the restrictions contained in this Ordinance and may continue normal operations, controlled by the rules and regulations applied thereto by the State of Georgia.

4.4 Establishments offering Massage, Manicure, Hairstyling, or Personal Grooming Services

4.4(a) Due to the close proximity required to deliver Massage, Manicure, Hairstyling, or Personal Grooming services the same being in contravention to the public health, safety and welfare due to the nature of this emergency, establishments providing Massage, Manicure, Hairstyling, or Personal Grooming services shall discontinue business until this emergency declaration is terminated.

4.4(b) Massage provided by medical doctors, chiropractors or licensed physical therapists for medical purposes shall not be subject to restrictions contained in this Section 4.4.

4.4 (c) Businesses which provide products or supplies for sale in the

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course of their business may continue to offer any such items for sale. Businesses continuing to operate for take-away sales shall establish systems that ensure that patrons, employees and contractors of the business maintain at least 6 feet of personal distance between themselves as much as possible given the physical constraints of the premises.

4.5 Event Facilities and Event Spaces

4.5(a) Due to the nature of events and the potential close proximity of participants and enclosed nature of many event facilities and event spaces, the same being in contravention to the public health, safety and welfare due to the nature of this emergency, Event Facilities or Event Spaces capable of hosting gatherings of more than ten (10) persons shall discontinue business until this emergency declaration is terminated;

4.5(b) For any business: (1) maintaining as an Event Facility or Event Space as ancillary use of its business; and (2) where the primary business is not otherwise prohibited from operating pursuant to this Emergency Declaration or other laws or regulations, such business shall not be subject to closure restrictions contained in this Section 4.5 so long as the Event Facility or Event Space is closed and not available for business. An example of such business is a hotel with a ballroom or a restaurant with an event space.

4.6 Other Businesses

4.6(a) All employers and businesses which remain open for use by the public must take the necessary steps to reduce in person contact and maintain a distance of 6 feet between individuals while in the establishment and on their property.

SECTION 5. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 6. If any section, subsection, provisions, or clause of any part of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid or unconstitutional, or, if the provisions of any part of this Ordinance as applied to a particular situation or set of circumstances shall be declared invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity shall not be construed to affect the portions of this Ordinance not so held to be invalid. It is hereby declared as the intent of the City Council that this Ordinance would have been adopted in its current form without the invalid or unconstitutional provision contained herein.

SECTION 7. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

SECTION 8. This Ordinance shall automatically stand repealed thirty (30) days after the date upon which it is adopted, unless re-enacted as provided herein.

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SECTION 9. This Ordinance may be re-enacted for one (1) or more additional periods of thirty (30) days (or repealed) upon a meeting of the City Council called by the Mayor and one (1) councilmember, or three (3) councilmembers of the City Council.

SO ORDAINED this **23rd** day of **March 2020**, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Dunwoody, Georgia.

CITY OF DUNWOODY, GEORGIA

By:

Lynn Deutsch, Mayor

Attest:

Sharon Lowery, City Clerk
(SEAL)

Proposed Amendment No. 1

THE THIRD RESTATEMENT AND AMENDMENT OF EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUNWOODY, GEORGIA, UNDER SECTION 1.03 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF DUNWOODY, GEORGIA, DECLARING LOCAL EMERGENCY OF THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 GLOBAL PANDEMIC, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Proposed Amendment No. 2

SECTION 4. Whereas Sections 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3 of this Section became effective as of 9:00 p.m. Friday, March 20, 2020; whereas Sections 4.4, and 4.5 of this Section became effective as of 12:01 a.m. Tuesday, March 24, 2020; the Mayor and City Council now further ordain that as of 12:01 a.m. _____, March ____, 2020, Sections 4.6 and 4.7 below shall become effective, in full force, and mandatory for all businesses, gatherings, and events subject to these requirements:

4.1 Restaurants and Businesses that sell food or beverages for consumption on premises:

4.1(a) All restaurants or businesses who sell food or beverages for consumption on premises shall be closed to in-person dining, consumption of alcohol, or other business activities until the expiration of this declaration of emergency; provided that this requirement shall not apply to any retail grocery stores so long as they have discontinued and closed any areas designated for the consumption of food on the premises.

4.1(b) Restaurants or businesses who sell food may offer food for take-away or for customers to eat somewhere other than at the establishment.

4.1(c) Businesses affected by these closures shall establish systems that ensure that all onsite consumption of food is prohibited, and that patrons, employees and contractors of the business maintain at least 6 feet of personal distance between themselves as much as possible given the physical constraints of the premises.

4.1(d) If a restaurant is licensed by the City of Dunwoody to sell beer and wine for on-premises consumption, such business during the efficacy of this declaration only shall be authorized to sell unopened bottles of beer or wine for: (1) take-out consumption off-premises, or (2) delivery of the same to any address in the City of Dunwoody. Any alcohol licensee who engages in a course of conduct permitted under this ordinance does so at

the licensee's own peril as it concerns the licensee's state liquor license. This ordinance makes no representation as to the legality, under state law and state alcohol licenses, of any course of conduct undertaken pursuant to this ordinance.

4.2 Gyms, Studios, or Sports Clubs offering use of Exercise Equipment, Shared Activity Spaces, or Close Contact Sports

4.2(a) Due to the joint use of equipment and spaces, and close proximity required to deliver both exercise facilities, shared studios, and close contact sports, the same being in contravention to the public health, safety and welfare due to the nature of this emergency, Gyms, Studios, or Sports Clubs offering use of exercise equipment and spaces, or close contact sports shall discontinue business until this emergency declaration is terminated.

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4.3(a) Cafeterias in hospitals, nursing homes, or similar facilities shall not be subject to the restrictions contained in this Ordinance and may continue normal operations, controlled by the rules and regulations applied thereto by the State of Georgia.

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4.4(b) Massage provided by medical doctors, chiropractors or licensed physical therapists for medical purposes shall not be subject to restrictions contained in this Section 4.4.

4.4 (c) Businesses which provide products or supplies for sale in the course of their business may continue to offer any such items for sale via curbside take-away at the establishment. Businesses continuing to operate for curbside take-away sales shall establish systems that ensure that patrons, employees and contractors of the business maintain at least 6 feet of personal distance between themselves as much as possible given the physical constraints of the premises.

4.5 Event Facilities and Event Spaces

4.5(a) Due to the nature of events and the potential close proximity of participants and enclosed nature of many event facilities and event spaces, the same being in contravention to the public health, safety and welfare due to the nature of this emergency, Event Facilities or Event Spaces capable of hosting gatherings of more than ten (10) persons shall discontinue business until this emergency declaration is terminated;

4.5(b) For any business: (1) maintaining as an Event Facility or Event Space as ancillary use of its business; and (2) where the primary business is not otherwise prohibited from operating pursuant to this Emergency Declaration or other laws or regulations, such business shall not be subject to closure restrictions contained in this Section 4.5 so long as the Event Facility or Event Space is closed and not available for business. An example of such business is a hotel with a ballroom or a restaurant with an event space.

4.6 Prohibition of Assemblages, Events and Gatherings

4.6(a). All public or private assemblages, events and gatherings in excess of ten (10) persons shall be prohibited within the City limits of the City of Dunwoody. This includes, but is not limited to, weddings, religious gatherings, parties, funerals, sporting events, social events, conferences and other gatherings. Exceptions apply to critical facilities as may be determined by the City but explicitly include critical government facilities providing essential services, schools or institutions of higher learning, grocery stores, retail stores in excess of 15,000 square feet, pharmacies, hospitals and medical offices and facilities. Nothing in this Order prohibits the gathering of members of a household or living unit.