

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a state of emergency to address the existing public health emergency associated with the coronavirus (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of South Carolina declared a state of emergency in South Carolina pertaining to the COVID-19 public health emergency and on March 15, 2020 issued an order closing all schools in the State of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the CDC has issued guidelines to mitigate the spread of the virus, including recommending on March 15, 2020, that for the next eight (8) weeks, in-person events that consist of 50 people or more throughout the United States be postponed or cancelled; and

WHEREAS, subsequently, the President issued his COVID-19 guidelines for the U.S. where, among other things, the President advised that citizens should avoid social gatherings or groups of more than ten people, and avoid eating or drinking at bars, restaurants, and food courts; and

WHEREAS, public health officials and experts including those in the Greenville area have determined that the coronavirus is an imminent threat to the region; and

WHEREAS, with 33 positive cases in South Carolina as of March 17, 2020, the possible increased threat from COVID-19 constitutes a threat of an imminent disaster to the health and welfare of the citizens of the City of Greenville ("City") and surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, the City is a popular destination with many venues where the public gather such that, for the safety of the community, reasonable temporary restrictions are needed to be placed on the certain establishments within the City where large gatherings of persons occur; and

WHEREAS, Sections 12-31 through 12-40 of the City Code of Ordinances empowers the Mayor to issue a proclamation declaring a state of emergency and placing certain restrictions on businesses within the City; and

WHEREAS, in light of the foregoing, I deem it proper and necessary to declare a State of Emergency in the City and place restrictions on the operations of restaurants, bars, and breweries in an effort to reduce the spread of and the exposure to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, City Council will be called into session no later than 24 hours following the issuance of this proclamation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Knox White, Mayor of the City of Greenville, South Carolina, by virtue of the power vested in me, do hereby declare and determine that a State of Emergency exists within the City of Greenville, South Carolina, and I do hereby order and direct the following emergency regulations under the provisions of said Ordinance:

Section 1. Effective midnight tonight, eating establishments, bars, and breweries within the City are temporarily restricted in order to prohibit dine-in service of food or beverages or otherwise provide for the on-premise consumption of same; provided however, said establishments may provide drive-through, curbside, and delivery service of food during the period of temporary closure. This proclamation shall continue until Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at 3 p.m., unless further extended by City Council.

Section 2. City Council will consider the attached emergency ordinance on or before Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at 3 p.m.

PROCLAIMED THIS THE DAY OF 17<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2020, at 3 p.m.

  
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MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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CITY ATTORNEY

REVIEWED:

  
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CITY MANAGER