

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020 -1

AN EXECUTIVE ORDER CONCERNING THE CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY AND TAKING EMERGENCY ACTION TO PROMOTE AND SECURE THE SAFETY, PROTECTION, AND WELL-BEING OF PERSONS IN THE COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, the President of the United States declared a National Public Health Emergency on Friday March 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Georgia declared a State Emergency in Georgia on March 14, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has declared Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) a world health emergency and a pandemic threatening the safety, health, and well-being of the public; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control has recommended that gatherings of 10 or more be prohibited be discontinued or prohibited; and

WHEREAS, Chamblee Code Section 26-6 authorizes the Mayor of the City of Chamblee to determine that an emergency exists, and the Mayor has made the determination that COVID-19 is an existing emergency that threatens the safety, health, well-being, and lives of the citizens of Chamblee; and

WHEREAS, Chamblee Code Section 26-6 authorizes the Mayor of Chamblee, during a declared emergency, to take such emergency actions as may be necessary to promote and secure the safety, protection, and well-being of the inhabitants of the City of Chamblee and of DeKalb County.

NOW THEREFORE, the Mayor of Chamblee, takes the emergency action of enacting the following regulations to apply to all persons within the City of Chamblee:

Section 1: Emergency Regulations for Restaurants, Hookah Lounges, and Places Serving Alcohol for Consumption on Premises.

- a) All restaurants, hookah lounges, businesses that sell food or beverages for consumption on premises, or businesses that provide entertainment on premises shall be closed to in-person dining, consumption of alcohol, smoking of hookah, or entertainment until the expiration of this executive order.
- b) Restaurants and other businesses who sell food may offer food for take-away or for customers to eat somewhere other than at the establishment. Similarly, hookah lounges may sell their product to-go in a manner consistent with the regulations of this Section.
- c) Businesses that are subject to this Section shall establish and implement systems that restrict in-person contact as much as possible, to include not permitting more than one (1) customer at a time to be in the premises. Such processes may include the business

taking the food to the customer's vehicle rather than the customer coming inside the business.

- d) Furthermore, business shall ensure that all onsite consumption of food is prohibited, and that 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.
- f) Any business to which this Section applies that violates the terms set forth herein may be closed in order to protect public health and may have its business license suspended or revoked.

Section 2: Gatherings of 10 or more persons prohibited.

- a) It shall be unlawful for groups of ten (10) or more unrelated persons to congregate in any public or private place, whether indoor or outdoor, for any social, religious, athletic, cultural, political, entertainment, or educational purpose during the effective dates of this executive order.
- b) If a business licensed by the City is found to have hosted a gathering in violation of this Section, such business is subject to being closed to protect public health and to having its business license suspended or revoked.

Section 3: General penalty.

Pursuant to Chamblee Code Section 26-2, a person violating any provision of this order shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished as provided in Chamblee Code Section 1-6.

Section 4: Expiration.

This Order shall take effect at the time of signing by the Mayor, as indicated below, and shall expire on April 21, 2020 at 11:59 p.m., unless extended by executive order or Council action.

SO ORDERED this 21st day of March, 2020, at 12:15 p.m.

BY:



R. Eric Clarkson, Mayor