

**AMENDED DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY AND
EXECUTIVE ORDER OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CAMILLA**

WHEREAS, the outbreak of the COVID-19 Coronavirus in the United States has placed the State of Georgia and the citizens of the City of Camilla, Georgia in ongoing and imminent danger; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 continues to spread throughout Southwest Georgia; and

WHEREAS, On March 23, 2020, Governor Brian Kemp signed an Executive Order placing restrictions on public gathering to protect the health and safety of all Georgians; and

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. §38-3-28(a) provides the political subdivisions of the state with authority to make, amend and rescind such orders, rules and regulations as may be necessary for emergency management purposes to supplement rules and regulations promulgated by the Governor during a state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, Title 4 Public Safety, Section 4-4-3 of the Official Code of Ordinances of the City of Camilla, entitled “Emergency; Special Powers” provides the Mayor with authority to declare a local state of emergency and implement rules and regulations for the purpose of minimizing injury to the people of the City of Camilla and protecting the welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of Camilla has determined that extraordinary and immediate measures must be taken to respond quickly to prevent and slow down community spread of COVID-19.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CAMILLA AS FOLLOWS:

(1) **Intent of this Order:** The intent of this Executive Order (“Order”) is to ensure that residents of the City of Camilla self-isolate in their places of residence to the maximum extent possible, while enabling essential services to continue, to slow the spread of COVID-19 to the maximum extent possible. When people need to leave their places of residence, they should at all times reasonably comply with Physical Distancing Requirements as defined herein (hereinafter “Physical Distancing Requirements”). All provisions of this Order should be interpreted to effectuate this intent. Failure to comply with any of the provisions of this Order constitutes an imminent threat to public health.

(2) All business with a physical presence in the City of Camilla, except Essential Business, shall not allow more than ten (10) persons to be gathered at a single location if such gathering requires persons to stand or to be seated within six (6) feet of any other person. To the greatest extent feasible, Essential Businesses shall comply with Physical Distancing Requirements, including but not limited to, when any customers are standing in line.

(3) All public or private gatherings of more than ten (10) persons are prohibited, except for as otherwise expressly permitted herein.

(4) Indoor recreation areas must close and remain closed. These include gyms, health clubs, indoor amusement facilities, pool halls, theaters or any similar facility.

- (5) Religious services and public celebrations likely to be attended by ten (10) or more individuals should be cancelled or rescheduled.
- (6) A mandatory curfew shall be effective between the hours of 10:00 p.m.- 6:00 am. during which all persons within the city shall remain at home. A curfew shall not apply to anyone performing emergency or first responder services, essential government services, law enforcement services, rescue services, safety services, health services, essential utility services or military services. A curfew shall not apply to anyone traveling to and from or engaging in lawful employment.
- (7) For the purpose of this Order, the following definitions apply:
- a. **Essential Businesses** include:
- i. Healthcare operations and essential infrastructure
 1. Essential infrastructure shall include public works, emergency home or business repairs, utility provisions, road repairs and public safety.
 - ii. Grocery stores, produce stands, supermarkets, food banks, convenience stores and other establishments engaged in the retail sale of food, dry goods, pet supplies, any other household consumer products (i.e. cleaning and personal care products), and laundromats
 - iii. Food cultivation and production, including farming, livestock and fishing
 - iv. Business that provide food, shelter or social services for the economically disadvantaged
 - v. Newspapers, television, radio and other media services;
 - vi. Gas stations and auto supply, auto-repair and related facilities
 - vii. Banks, and related financial institutions
 - viii. Hardware stores
 - ix. Plumbers, electricians, and other services providers performing emergency repairs
 - x. Educational institutions for the purpose of facilitating distance learning or performing essential functions, provided that social distancing requirements are maintained
 - xi. Restaurants and other facilities that prepare and serve food, but only for drive-through, delivery or carry out service.
 - xii. Businesses providing mailing and shipping services,
 - xiii. Home-based senior care for seniors, adults or children

These businesses shall not permit the premises to be occupied by any more than fifty (50%) of its approved occupancy level and shall further encourage patrons to practice physical distancing.

- b. **Healthcare Operations** shall include
- i. Hospitals, clinics, dental offices, pharmacies, other healthcare facilities, suppliers, home health services providers, mental health providers, or any related services. Healthcare operations also includes veterinary care and all healthcare provided to animals. Healthcare operations does not include fitness or exercise facilities.

c. **Physical Distancing requirements** means maintaining a minimum distance of six (6) feet from other individuals, washing hands with soap and water for at least twenty seconds as frequently as possible or using hand sanitizer, covering coughs or sneezes (into the sleeve or elbow, not hand), regularly cleaning high touch surfaces and not shaking hands or other physical displays of affection. These modifications of interpersonal contact are necessary to combat the spread of COVID-19.

(8) Any restaurant licensee authorized to sell alcoholic beverages for on premises consumption shall suspend all sale of alcoholic beverages throughout the duration of this ORDER.

(9) Bars, taverns and private clubs shall close and remain closed throughout the duration of this ORDER.

(10) The Camilla Chief of Police, or his designee, shall enforce this ORDER.

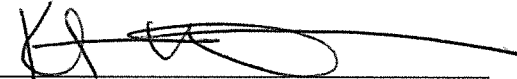
(11) Violation of this ORDER shall constitute a misdemeanor and shall be punishable pursuant to the Official Code of the City of Camilla with a fine not exceeding \$1,000.00 and /or imprisonment not exceeding 180 days, or both.

(12) This order shall be implemented beginning noon on March 26, 2020 and shall remain in place until noon on Monday, April 6, 2020 or sooner if determined appropriate by the Mayor of Camilla.


This order is made pursuant to O.C.G.A. §38-2-28 and is filed in the Office of the Clerk of the City of Camilla. This order was made with due consideration to the orders, rules, regulations, actions, recommendations and requests of federal authorities relevant thereto and to the extent permitted by law shall be consistent with such orders, rules, regulations, actions, recommendations and requests.

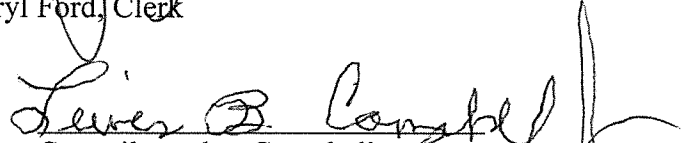
SO ORDERED, this 26th day of March, 2020.

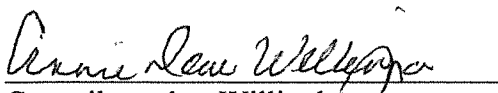
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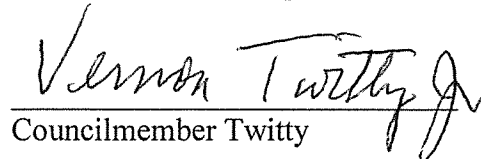
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