



## Mecklenburg County and City of Charlotte Joint Proclamation of a State of Emergency



**By the Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners of Mecklenburg County and the Mayor  
of the City of Charlotte**

**WHEREAS** the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has created a state of emergency in the County of Mecklenburg and the City of Charlotte; and whereas the Governor has declared a state of emergency on behalf of the state on March 10, 2020; and whereas the North Carolina General assembly has adopted Article 1A of Chapter 166A entitled "North Carolina Emergency Management Act" and whereas G.S. 166A-19.22 authorizes counties to declare a state of emergency under conditions and following procedures contained in G.S. 166A.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, pursuant to the authority contained in Article 1 of N.C.G.S. Chapter 166A, Article 36A of N.C.G.S. Chapter 14, the Mecklenburg County resolution adopted February 21, 2017 entitled "An Ordinance Authorizing the Declaration of a State of Emergency and the Imposition of Prohibitions and Restrictions During a State of Emergency," and Section 15-20 of the City of Charlotte Municipal Code, we, the Chairperson of the Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners and the Mayor of the City of Charlotte, proclaim the existence of a State of Emergency in the City of Charlotte and the County of Mecklenburg.

We further proclaim that the ordinances set forth below are necessary to maintain public order and protect lives and property during this emergency, and that the same shall be in effect within the unincorporated area of the County of Mecklenburg and incorporated limits of the City of Charlotte and, by request of the chief elected officials, within the incorporated limits of the Towns of Cornelius, Davidson, Huntersville, Matthews, Mint Hill and Pineville until this Proclamation is rescinded. We hereby order all county employees and all other emergency management personnel subject to my control to cooperate in the enforcement and implementation of the emergency ordinances set forth below.

We further proclaim that Charlotte-Mecklenburg Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) and all applicable supporting plans, mutual assistance compacts, and agreements are in effect and shall remain in effect until this proclamation expires or is rescinded. All city and county employees subject to our control are hereby ordered to cooperate in the implementation of the provisions of the Emergency Operation Plan and all applicable supporting plans, mutual assistance compacts, and agreements, and to furnish assistance thereunder.

We further proclaim that the following public safety measures are in effect:

1. *Excessive Price Prohibitions:* It is hereby unlawful to sell or rent or offer to sell or rent any goods or services which are consumed or used as a direct result of an emergency or which are consumed or used to preserve, protect, or sustain life, health, safety, or economic well-being of persons or their property with the knowledge and intent to charge

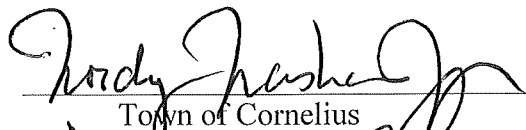
a price that is unreasonably excessive under the circumstances or engage in any price gouging practices as defined by N.C.G.S. 166A-19.23, N.C.G.S.75-37, or N.C.G.S.75-38.

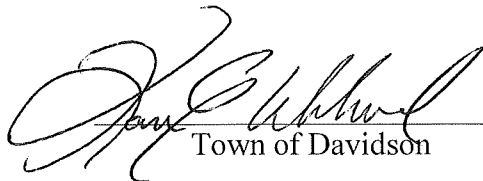
2. *Restricted Access.* Travel upon any public street, alley, or roadway or upon any other public property, within the area(s) or times as designated by the Mecklenburg County Public Health Department in conjunction with County Emergency Management is prohibited except by those in search of medical assistance, food or other commodity or service necessary to sustain the well-being of themselves or their families or some member thereof.
  
3. *Restricting Business and Congregation:* Pursuant to Section 8 of the Mecklenburg County Emergency Ordinance, movement of people in public places is restricted; the operation of business activity, entertainment, events, or other places of public mass gatherings, is reasonably and necessarily prohibited or restricted to promote efforts being made to overcome or prevent further aggravation of the emergency, except in areas or times designated by the Mecklenburg County Health Department in conjunction with County Emergency Management.
  
4. Any other activities or conditions whereby the control of which may be reasonably necessary to maintain order and protect lives or property during the state of emergency.

This proclamation shall become effective immediately and shall remain in effect until rescinded by the issuing authorities. Proclaimed this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020, at 1800 hours.

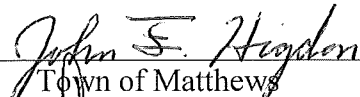
  
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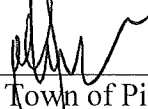
  
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