

CITY OF ASHEVILLE

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus known as COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that can spread from person to person and result in serious illness or death; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a Public Health Emergency of International Concern on January 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020 Governor Roy Cooper issued Executive Order Number 116 declaring a State of Emergency for the State of North Carolina based on the public health emergency posed by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the City of Asheville has authority pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 166A-19.22 to declare a city-wide State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, the City's ability to declare a State of Emergency has been vested in the City's Mayor pursuant to Section 2-2 of the City of Asheville's Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned, in consultation with local health officials, has determined that it is necessary and appropriate to act to ensure that COVID-19 remains controlled and that residents of and visitors to the City of Asheville remain safe and secure;

NOW, THEREFORE, by the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of North Carolina as the Mayor of the City of Asheville, **IT IS ORDERED**:

Section 1. State of Emergency

I hereby declare a State of Emergency as defined in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 166A-19.3(6) and N.C. Gen. Stat. § 166A-19.3(19) for the City of Asheville based on the public health emergency posed by COVID-19.

The emergency area, as defined in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 166A-19.3(7) is the entirety of the City of Asheville.

Section 2. County Emergency Declaration

The City of Asheville, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 166A-19.22(b)(2), further consents to extending the Declaration of a Local State of Emergency issued by Buncombe County on March 12, 2010 to the entirety of the City of Asheville.

Section 3. Limitations on Organized Assemblages on City-Owned Property

Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 166A-19.31(b)(1) and Section 2-2(e)(6) of the Asheville City Code of Ordinances, it shall be prohibited for any organized group of two-hundred and fifty or more (250+) persons to assemble on property owned by the City of Asheville until this Declaration has been rescinded. This prohibition shall be construed to include events hosted on City-owned property that are expected to attract two-hundred and fifty or more (250+) persons. This prohibition applies only to assemblies on City-owned property, and does not purport to regulate or limit any such gatherings on privately owned property.

Section 4. Term and Future Modification

The State of Emergency declared herein shall continue until it is expressly rescinded. Pursuant to Section 2-2(f), the provisions of this Proclamation may be amended by the issuance of a subsequent proclamations as conditions warrant.

Section 5. Dissemination

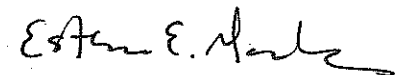
The City directs that copies of this Proclamation be disseminated to the mass communications media for publication and broadcast, and that a copy of this Proclamation be posted at City Hall, and other City-owned buildings as appropriate.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Asheville, North Carolina, to be affixed this 12th day of March 2020.

ATTEST:


MAGDALEN BURLESON
CITY CLERK




ESTHER E. MANHEIMER
MAYOR