

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-009

BY THE CLARKSTON CITY COUNCIL TO ENACT EMERGENCY MEASURES TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF THE NOVEL CORONA VIRUS BY PROHIBITING GATHERINGS OF 10 OR MORE PEOPLE, PROHIBITING DINING AT RESTAURANTS AND ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS FOR TAKE-OUT OR DELIVERY OF FOOD.

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 Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) a world health emergency and a pandemic; and

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

WHEREAS, the Charter of the City of Clarkston (Section 1.03, subsections (l), (n) and (w)) grants to the Clarkston City Council the power to protect the safety, health, and welfare of the public by prohibiting conduct detrimental to public health.

NOW THEREFORE, in a public and specially called emergency meeting, authorized pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 51-14-1(g), the Clarkston City Council resolve and declare as follows:

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

- a) All restaurants, hookah lounges, businesses who sell food or beverages for consumption on premises or who provide entertainment on premises shall be closed to in-person dining, consumption of alcohol, smoking of hookah or entertainment until the expiration of this resolution.
- 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.

- e) If a restaurant is licensed to sell beer or wine for on-premises consumption, such business during the period that this resolution is in effect only, shall be authorized to sell unopened packages of beer or wine for take-out and consumption off-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.

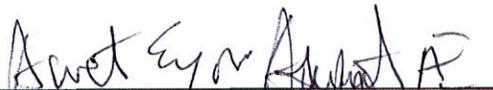
Section 2: Gatherings of 10 or more persons prohibited.

It shall be illegal for groups of ten (10) or more persons to congregate in any public or private place, whether indoor or outdoor, for any social, religious, athletic, cultural, political or educational purpose during the effective dates of this Resolution. Violation of this Section shall constitute a misdemeanor. 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: This Resolution shall take effect on March 19 at 12:01 a.m. and shall expire by its own terms on March 31, 2020 at 11:59 p.m., unless extended by further action of the City Council.

SO RESOLVED, this 17th day of March, 2020.

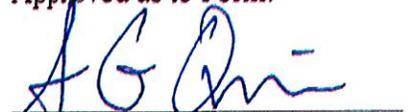
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