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**CITY OF FOREST PARK, GEORGIA**

**PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 2**

**PROVIDING THAT RESIDENTS SHALL STAY AT HOME OR PLACE OF RESIDENCE AND THAT NON-ESSENTIAL BUSINESSES SHALL TEMPORARILY CEASE ACTIVITIES; PROHIBITING GATHERINGS; AND PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS.**

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**WHEREAS**, pursuant a resolution adopted March 25, 2020, the City Council of the City of Forest Park determined that there is a public health emergency within the City of Forest Park due to the rapid spread of COVID-19 in the United States, the State of Georgia and Clayton County;

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor is authorized to exercise any and all powers enumerated in Title 4, Chapter 5 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Forest Park, Georgia, keeping the City Council apprised of any and all actions taken;

**WHEREAS**, on March 25, 2020, a curfew throughout the City of Forest Park was imposed by virtue of an order issued by the Mayor as authorized by an additional resolution of the City Council adopted on March 25, 2020;

**WHEREAS**, the undersigned has been participating in multiple conference calls with national, state, regional, county and local government officials in order to continue monitoring the situation and determining steps necessary to combat the spread of COVID-19 in the City of Forest Park; and

**WHEREAS**, multiple cities in Georgia, following the advice and recommendations of infectious disease and public health experts, have ordered their residents to shelter in their homes and have banned gatherings; and

**WHEREAS**, City of Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms has issued such an executive order; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Forest Park and the City of Atlanta share a border and there is substantial travel, commerce and activity that flows between these neighboring cities; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Kemp has urged "local officials to do what's in the best interest of their communities to keep people safe and stop the spread of coronavirus;" and



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WHEREAS, this Public Health Emergency Order is intended to reflect the best interest of and to protect the health and safety of the residents of the City of Forest Park; and

WHEREAS, this Public Health Emergency Order is intended to supplement the Executive Orders of the Governor of the State of Georgia that address the COVID-19 Public Health State of Emergency, specifically including the Executive Order entered by the Governor on March 23, 2020 at 5:58 p.m., as well as administrative orders promulgated by the State Department of Public Health pursuant to that Executive Order.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Angelyne Butler, Mayor of the City of Forest Park, in consultation with the members of the City Council and in order to protect the health, prosperity, comfort, safety, security, good order and welfare of the City and its residents and to promote and secure the safety, protection and well-being of the inhabitants of the County and of the City of Forest Park, hereby order and direct the following:

1.

**Residents Ordered to Remain at Home or Place of Residence**

All individuals currently living within the city limits of the City of Forest Park, Georgia (the "City") shall remain at their place of residence. To the extent individuals are using shared or outdoor spaces, they must at all times as reasonably possible maintain social distancing of at least six feet from any other person when they are outside their residence. All individuals may leave their residences only for:

- Essential Activities
- Essential Governmental Functions
- To operate Essential Businesses.

Individuals experiencing homelessness are exempt from this Section, but are strongly urged to obtain shelter, and governmental and other entities are strongly urged to make such shelter available as soon as possible and to the maximum extent practicable (and to utilize Social Distancing Requirements in their operation).

2.

**Non-Essential Businesses Ordered to Temporarily Cease Activities**

All businesses with a facility in the City, except Essential Businesses as defined below in



Section 4, are required to cease all activities at facilities located within the City except Minimum Basic Operations, as defined in Section 4. For clarity, businesses may also continue operations consisting exclusively of employees or contractors performing activities at their own residences (i.e., working from home). All Essential Businesses are strongly encouraged to remain open. To the greatest extent feasible, Essential Businesses shall comply with Social Distancing Requirements as defined in Section 4 below, including, but not limited to, when any customers are standing in line.

3.

Prohibition of Assemblages, Events and Gatherings

All public or private assemblages, events and gatherings shall be prohibited within the City limits of the City of Forest Park. This includes, but is not limited to, weddings, religious gatherings, parties, funerals, sporting events, social events, conferences and other gatherings. Exceptions apply to critical facilities as may be determined by the City but explicitly include critical government facilities providing essential services, schools or institutions of higher learning, grocery stores and pharmacies, hospitals and medical offices and facilities. Nothing in this Order prohibits the gathering of members of a household or living unit.

4.

Definitions and Exemptions

A. Essential Activities:

1. For purposes of this Order, individuals may leave their residence only to perform any of the following "Essential Activities." But people at high risk of severe illness from COVID-19 and people who are sick are urged to stay in their residence to the extent possible except as necessary to seek medical care. In addition, individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19, who are suspected to have COVID-19 based on symptoms and a known exposure to a person with COVID-19 or who have been in close contact with a person with known or suspected COVID-19 are required by the Georgia Department of Public Health to isolate or quarantine themselves at home.
  - a) To engage in activities or perform tasks essential to their health and safety, or to the health and safety of their family or household members or partners or significant others (including, but not limited to, pets), such as, by way of example only and without limitation, obtaining medical supplies or medication, visiting a health care professional, or obtaining supplies they need to work from home.
  - b) To obtain necessary services, supplies or food for themselves and their family or



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household members, or to deliver those services or supplies to others, such as, by way of example only and without limitation, canned food, dry goods, fresh fruits and

- c) vegetables, pet supplies, fresh meats, fish, and poultry, and any other household consumer products, and products necessary to maintain the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences.
  - d) To engage in outdoor activity, provided the individuals comply with Social Distancing Requirements as defined in this Section, such as, by way of example and without limitation, walking, hiking, running, or bicycling.
  - e) To perform work providing essential products and services at an Essential Business or to otherwise carry out activities specifically permitted in this Order, including Minimum Basic Operations.
  - f) To care for a family member or pet in another household.
2. For purposes of this Order, individuals may leave their residence to work for or obtain services at any "Healthcare Operations" including hospitals, clinics, dentists, pharmacies, pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, other healthcare facilities, healthcare suppliers, home healthcare services providers, mental health providers, or any related and/or ancillary healthcare services. "Healthcare Operations" also includes veterinary care and all healthcare services provided to animals. This exemption shall be construed broadly to avoid any impacts to the delivery of healthcare, broadly defined. "Healthcare Operations" does not include fitness and exercise gyms and similar facilities.
3. For purposes of this Order, individuals may leave their residence to provide any services or perform any work necessary to the operations and maintenance of "Essential Infrastructure," including, but not limited to, public works construction, construction and all related activities (in particular affordable housing or housing for individuals experiencing homelessness), airport operations, water, sewer, gas, electrical, oil refining, roads and highways, public transportation, solid waste collection and removal, internet, and telecommunications systems (including the provision of essential global, national, and local infrastructure for computing services, business infrastructure, communications, and web-based services), provided that they carry out those services or that work in compliance with Social Distancing Requirements as defined this Section, to the extent possible.



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**B. Essential Government Functions:**

1. For purposes of this Order, all first responders, emergency management personnel, emergency dispatchers, court personnel, and law enforcement personnel, and others

who need to perform essential services are categorically exempt from this Order. Further, nothing in this Order shall prohibit any individual from performing or accessing "Essential

Governmental Functions," as determined by the governmental entity performing those functions. Each governmental entity shall identify and designate appropriate employees or contractors to continue providing and carrying out any Essential Governmental Functions.

**C. Essential Businesses:**

1. For the purposes of this Order, covered businesses include any for-profit, nonprofit, or private educational entities, regardless of the nature of the service, the function they perform, or its corporate or entity structure.
2. For the purposes of this Order, "Essential Businesses" means:
  - a) Healthcare Operations and Essential Infrastructure;
  - b) Grocery stores, certified farmers' markets, farm and produce stands, supermarkets, food banks, convenience stores, and other establishments engaged in the retail sale of canned food, dry goods, fresh fruits and vegetables, pet supply, fresh meats, fish, and poultry, and any other household consumer products (such as cleaning and personal care products). This includes stores that sell groceries and also sell other nongrocery products, and products necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences;
  - c) Food cultivation, including farming, livestock, and fishing;
  - d) Businesses that provide food, shelter, and social services, and other necessities of life for economically disadvantaged or otherwise needy individuals;
  - e) Newspapers, television, radio, and other media services;







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Time Period

This Order shall become effective at 10:00 p.m. on March 30, 2020, and shall expire at 11:59 p.m. on April 13, 2020, unless extended further or rescinded earlier.

6.

Penalties

As provided for in Sec. 4-5-3(b) of the Code of Ordinances, City of Forest Park, Georgia, any person who violates this Order shall, upon conviction thereof, be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), imprisonment for a term not exceeding sixty (60) days, or both such fine and imprisonment, for each violation. Each person assisting in the commission of a violation shall be guilty of separate offenses. Each day during which a violation or failure to comply continues shall constitute a separate violation.

SO ORDERED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

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Mayor  
City of Forest Park

Attest:

*Stephonda Brown*  
City Clerk