



*Proclamation for Declaration of a State of Emergency for the  
Town of Waxhaw, North Carolina Due to the Threat of  
Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic*

WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Assembly has adopted Article 1A of Chapter 166A entitled “North Carolina Emergency Management Act;” and whereas N.C.G.S. 166A-19.22 authorizes municipalities to declare a state of emergency under conditions and following procedures contained in N.C.G.S. 166A; and

WHEREAS, on February 23, 2016, the Town of Waxhaw adopted a *State of Emergency Ordinance* and such was incorporated as Chapter 30 of the Town of Waxhaw Code of Ordinances;

WHEREAS, both N.C.G.S. 166A-19 and Chapter 30 of the Waxhaw Code of Ordinances provide that the Mayor of Waxhaw can, under certain circumstances, declare a State of Emergency within the Town of Waxhaw and is empowered to issue a public proclamation declaring to all persons the existence of such a state of emergency to more effectively protect the lives and property of people within the Town; to place in effect any or all of the restrictions contained in Chapter 30 of the Waxhaw Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization announced that the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak can be characterized as a pandemic on March 11, 2020; the President of the United States declared this pandemic as a National Emergency on March 13, 2020; and the Governor of North Carolina declared a State of Emergency on Tuesday, March 10, 2020, for North Carolina.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronald P. Pappas, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the Town of Waxhaw, in the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the existence of a State of Emergency in the Town of Waxhaw due to the potential effects of the Coronavirus and all or any part of Chapter 30 of the Town of Waxhaw Code of Ordinances may be enforced until such time as this State of Emergency is terminated.

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and that the same shall be in effect within the incorporated limits of the Town of Waxhaw until this Proclamation is rescinded. We hereby order all town employees to cooperate in the enforcement and implementation of the emergency ordinances set forth below.

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-

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being of persons on 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 Union County Public Health Department in conjunction with Union County Emergency Management is prohibited except by those in search of medical assistance, food or other commodity or services necessary to sustain the well-being of themselves or their families or some member thereof.
- 3. *Restricting Public Gatherings:* Pursuant to Section 30-5(5) of the Town of Waxhaw State of Emergency Ordinance and to promote efforts being made to overcome or prevent further aggravation of the emergency, movement of people in public places; the entertainment, events, or other places of public mass gatherings, is reasonably and necessarily prohibited or restricted within the area(s) or time designated by the Union County Public Health Department or Union 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 16<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020; at 2:54 PM.

*Ronald P. Pappas*

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Ronald P. Pappas, Mayor

ATTEST:

*Melody Shuler*

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Melody Shuler, Town Clerk

