



DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY CITY OF KANNAPOLIS, NORTH CAROLINA

WHEREAS, the Governor has issued a State of Emergency for the entire State of North Carolina due to the potential impacts from the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic;

WHEREAS, declaring a State of Emergency and imposing the restrictions and prohibitions ordered herein is necessary to maintain order and protect public health, safety, and welfare, and to secure property; and

WHEREAS, in consultation with health care professionals and the Public Health Authority of Cabarrus County dba Cabarrus Health Alliance ("CHA"), and based upon guidance from the Center for Disease Control ("CDC") and the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services ("NCDHHS"), arrangements must be made immediately to take such actions as are deemed necessary and appropriate to ensure that COVID-19 remains controlled and that residents of Cabarrus County and Rowan County remain safe and healthy.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as the Mayor of the City of Kannapolis City Council, under Article 1A of Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes and Chapter 2, Article II of the Kannapolis Code of Ordinances:

Section 1. A State of Emergency is hereby declared within the jurisdiction of the City of Kannapolis.

Section 2. The emergency area covered by this State of Emergency shall be the entire area of the City of Kannapolis.

Section 3. The following restrictions and prohibitions are hereby imposed:

A. Excessive Price Prohibitions: It is hereby unlawful to sell or rent or offer to sell or rent any goods or service 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 circumstances or engage in any price gouging practices as defined by Chapters 166A-19.23, 75-37 or 75-38 of the North Carolina General Statutes.

B. Restricted Access: Travel upon any public street, alley or roadway or upon any other public property, may be restricted in identified areas and at certain dates and/or times as authorized by CHA and in conjunction with Cabarrus County Emergency Management. In the event of such restrictions, travel may be prohibited except by those individual(s) in search of medical assistance, food or other commodity or service necessary to sustain the well-being of themselves or their immediate families or some member thereof.

C. Restricted Business and Congregation: Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. 166A-19.31(b)(1), (2), and (5), and Kannapolis City Code Section 2-84, CHA, through its Public Health Director, is hereby delegated the authority to restrict any activities or conditions the control of which may be reasonably necessary to maintain order and protect lives or property during the State of Emergency. Any declarations issued by the CHA Public Health Director shall have the full force and effect as if issued by the undersigned.

D. Any other activities or conditions whereby the control of which may be reasonably necessary to maintain order and protect the lives and property during the State of Emergency.

Section 4. I hereby order all City of Kannapolis law enforcement officers and employees and all other emergency management personnel subject to our control to cooperate in the enforcement and implementation of the provisions of this Declaration, all applicable local ordinances, state and federal laws, and the Cabarrus County Emergency Operations Plan.

Section 5. I hereby order this Declaration: (a) to be distributed to the news media and other organizations calculated to bring its contents to the attention of the general public; (b) to be filed with the City of Kannapolis City Clerk, and (c) to be distributed to others as necessary to ensure proper implementation of this Declaration.

Section 6. This Declaration shall take effect on the 19th day of March, 2020 at 12:00 noon and shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded.

DECLARED this the 19th day of March, 2020 at 12:00 noon.



Milton D. Hinnant, Mayor
City of Kannapolis, North Carolina

ATTEST:



City of Kannapolis Emergency Management Director