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City of LaGrange Amends State of Emergency Ordinance

LaGrange, Ga. March 24, 2020 – The LaGrange City Council unanimously approved to amend its State of Emergency ordinance. This ordinance goes into effect Wednesday, March 25th at 5:00 p.m.

The amended ordinance includes the following amendments:

- Restaurants and other eating and dining establishments where food is served must cease offering dine-in services but may continue preparing and offering food to customers via delivery, drive-through or take-out services. Patrons, employees and contractors of the establishments must maintain at least six (6) feet of personal distance between themselves as much as possible given the physical constraints of the premises. If a restaurant is licensed to sell beer and wine for on-premises consumption, such restaurant, during the effective dates of this ordinance only, shall be authorized to sell unopened bottles or cans of beer or wine for take-out consumption off-premises. Upon request of any individual restaurant within the central business district, the City Manager is authorized to temporarily designate public parking spaces to facilitate take-out and curbside orders.

- Gyms, fitness centers, indoor amusement facilities, bowling alleys, pool halls, theaters, massage parlors, nail salons, barbershops, hair salons, tattoo parlors and any other similar facility must close and remain closed for the duration of this emergency.
- Establishments such as grocery stores, pharmacies, and other retail businesses which remain open during the emergency must post signage on entrance doors informing consumers to maintain at least six (6) feet of personal distance between themselves and others as much as possible given the physical constraints of the premises.
- All public and private gatherings of more than ten (10) people occurring outside of a household or living unit are prohibited. Nothing in this ordinance, however, prohibits the gathering of individuals for the purposes of carrying on business certified as “essential” by the Georgia Emergency Management Agency pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 38-3-58 or designated by the Governor as “critical infrastructure” or the provision of medical or health services.
- The governing authority desires to make certain that the chain of authority within city management is clear. If the City Manager is unable to perform her duties, then the individual designated by the City Manager as the emergency interim successor pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 38-3-50 shall assume the duties of the City Manager. Should the emergency interim successor be unable to perform those duties the Mayor as Chief Executive Officer of the City shall assume those duties.

- This Ordinance after adoption by the Council and upon approval by the Mayor shall become effective Wednesday, March 25, 2020, at 5:00 o'clock p.m.

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