



**PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REIDSVILLE  
FOR SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS FOR ESSENTIAL BUSINESSES  
ALLOWED TO OPERATE UNDER THE  
GOVERNOR’S EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 121  
EFFECTIVE MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2020**

*WHEREAS*, the North Carolina General Assembly has adopted Article 1A of Chapter 166A of the General Statutes, entitled “North Carolina Emergency Management Act”, which sets forth the authority and responsibility of the Governor, State agencies, and local governments in prevention of, preparation for, response to, and recovery from natural or man-made emergencies; and

*WHEREAS*, G.S. §166A-19.22, which is part of the North Carolina Emergency Management Act, authorizes counties to declare a state of emergency under conditions and following procedures contained in G.S. §166A-19.22; and

*WHEREAS*, the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has created a state of emergency in the City of Reidsville; and

*WHEREAS*, the Governor has declared a state of emergency on behalf of the state of North Carolina on March 10, 2020; and

*WHEREAS*, the Governor has declared Executive Order No. 121: Stay At Home Order and Strategic Directions For North Carolina In Response To Increasing COVID-19 Cases; and

*WHEREAS*, the City of Reidsville, in conjunction with Rockingham County signed a State of Emergency Declaration on March 13, 2020; and

*WHEREAS*, since execution of the Declaration, residents of Rockingham County have been tested for the COVID-19 virus. As of March 31, 2020 there have been two (2) diagnosed cases of COVID-19 in Rockingham County, as well as increasing evidence of cases in neighboring counties, including a significant and increasing number of suspected cases of community transmission and likely further significant increases in transmission. Widespread

testing of COVID-19 is not yet available but is expected to increase in the coming weeks/months. This Declaration and Order is necessary to slow the rate of spread; and

***WHEREAS***, scientific evidence and best practices regarding the most effective approaches to slow the transmission of communicable diseases generally and COVID-19 particularly, and evidence that age, condition and health of a significant portion of the population of the City places the population at risk of serious health complications, including death from COVID-19; and

***WHEREAS***, Cone Health System CEO and Annie Penn Hospital President made a request and/or presentation to City Council on March 25<sup>th</sup> regarding COVID-19's impact on North Carolina Hospitals, along with Cone Health Hospitals, and have reported they have requested to make a similar presentation to the Rockingham County Commissioners ; and

***WHEREAS***, there has been one death within Rockingham County related to COVID-19; and

***WHEREAS***, this Proclamation addresses the "Social Distancing Requirements for Essential Business Allowed to Operate Under the Governor's Executive Order No. 121" and mandatory requirements of businesses located within the City along with additional social distancing items they are encouraged to voluntarily implement; and

***WHEREAS***, many individuals who contract the virus display no symptoms or have mild symptoms, which means they may not be aware they carry the virus. People without symptoms can transmit the disease and because evidence shows the disease is easily spread, mass gatherings can result in further transmissions of the virus; and

***WHEREAS***, it is essential to slow viral transmission as much as possible to protect the most vulnerable and to prevent the health care system from being overwhelmed; and

***WHEREAS***, this Declaration is necessary to slow the rate of the spread and is the least restrictive based upon the current evidence.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:**

This Proclamation is to ensure that the maximum number of people implement social distancing when visiting essential businesses as allowed to operate under Executive Order No. 121 to continue to slow the spread of COVID-19 to the maximum extent possible. When people need to leave their places of residence, whether to obtain or perform essential services, or to otherwise facilitate authorized activities necessary for continuity of social and commercial life, they should at all times reasonably comply with CDC recommendations of Social Distancing Requirements of at least six (6) feet apart, but businesses have a responsibility to provide as safe an environment as possible by taking these required steps and should consider voluntarily implementing the encouraged steps. All provisions of this Proclamation should be interpreted to effectuate this intent.

All Essential Businesses are strongly encouraged to remain open. To the greatest extent

feasible, Essential Businesses shall comply with Social Distancing requirements as defined by CDC and the items required by this proclamation along with being encouraged to voluntarily implement the additional items listed.

**Social Distancing Requirements.** For purposes of this Proclamation, Social Distancing Requirements includes maintaining at least six-foot social distancing from other individuals, washing hands with soap and water for at least twenty seconds as frequently as possible or using hand sanitizer, covering coughs or sneezes (into the sleeve or elbow, not hands), regularly cleaning high-touch surfaces, and not shaking hands. All of these items just referenced have been encouraged by the President and Governor's administration. However, the following items are either being specifically required or encouraged by the City of Reidsville.

Required measures. Essential Businesses and Operations and businesses engaged in Minimum Basic Operations must take proactive measures to ensure compliance with Social Distancing Requirements, shall include:

1. Designate six-foot distances. Designating with visible signage at entryways along with tape or by other means six-foot spacing for employees and customers in line to maintain appropriate distance. This includes lines formed outside of entryways to said businesses and operations on private or public property designated a pedestrian areas;
2. Sanitizing products. Having hand sanitizer and sanitizing products readily available for employees and customers along with regularly cleaning carts, baskets, or shopping collection items made available for use by the public;
3. Separate operating hours for vulnerable populations. Implementing separate operating hours for elderly age 65 & older and vulnerable customers; and
4. Online and remote access. Posting online whether a facility is open and how best to reach the facility and continue services by phone, remotely or curbside pickup where possible.
5. Maximum allowance of individuals within the business at any point in time when total square footage is at or over 10,000 total square feet. Regulating the amount individuals within the business based upon calculation of total square footage of the facility combined with the radius of six – foot spacing for all employees and customers. It is required that total square footage be divided into a quarter (1/4) to account for areas not accessible to the public and shelving within the public area.

- The number of customers in the building shall be calculated via the following formula:

One fourth of total square footage shopping area divided by 113.04 will equal the number of people (standing at least six foot apart) who should be allowed in the building.

The aforementioned formula was derived from using the Center for Disease Control's recommendation of people practicing social distancing of at least six feet apart while shopping, and dividing that number by the amount of available shopping square footage.

#### Example

Note: The formula to determine the area of a circle is used to help with these examples- $C=2*\pi*r$

In order to determine the number of people allowed, the number six (6 feet apart) is doubled  $r^2$  (36) and then multiplied by Pi (3.14) (the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter) which equals 113.04, then one-fourth of the total available shopping square footage will be divided by 113.04.

6. All businesses must install at the entryway(s) to the store an 8 1/2x11 sign in six-inch letters stating the maximum number of allowed persons in the business based on the calculation in Subsection No. 5
7. Businesses that are allowed to have more than 50 persons will have to keep an ongoing count to ensure compliance.

Additional suggested measures. Essential Businesses and Operations and businesses engaged in Minimum Basic Operations should consider implementing voluntary measures to ensure compliance with Social Distancing Requirements, including where possible:

8. One-way aisles. Designating with visible signage along aisle entryway, along with tape or by other means, the direction customers should proceed to assist with ensuring six-foot spacing for employees and customers along aisles to maintain appropriate distance if defined aisles exist;

9. Maximum allowance of individuals within the business at any point in time when total square footage is under 10,000 total square feet. Regulating the amount of individuals within the business based upon the calculation of total square footage of the facility combined with the radius of six-foot spacing for all employees and customers. It is recommended that total square footage be divided into a quarter (1/4) to account for areas not accessible to the public and shelving within the public area and the number of customers in the building be calculated via the formula in Subsection 5.

**Mass Gatherings.** For purposes of this Proclamation, the banning of mass gatherings now includes events no more than ten (10) persons.

This Proclamation is issued in accordance with, and incorporates by reference, the March 24, 2020 State of Emergency Declaration from Rockingham County that the City of Reidsville issued in conjunction with Rockingham and the Proclamation of the State of Emergency issued by the Governor on March 10, 2020.

This Proclamation will be valid through April 29, 2020 but will be regularly reviewed and evaluated and may be revised, amended, extended accordingly, based upon existing evidence and recommendations by the City Staff in conjunction with Federal, State, and Local Public Health Officials.

Any person violating any prohibition or restriction imposed by this proclamation as authorized by the Proclamation of State of Emergency shall be guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor in accordance with G.S. 14-288.20A.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Proclamation is for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the Proclamation. The signatories hereby declare that it would have passed this Proclamation and each section, subsection, clause, and phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more section, subsections, sentences, clauses, or phrases be declared invalid.

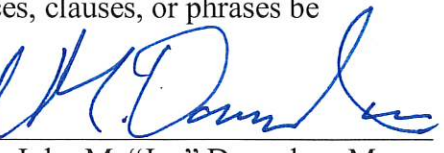
This Proclamation is adopted on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April 2020 at 4:00 pm and shall take effect on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of April 2020 at 7:00 pm.

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ATTEST:

  
Angela G. Stadler, CMC/NCCMC, City Clerk



  
John M. "Jay" Donecker, Mayor