

RESOLUTION DECLARING STATE OF EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF SUGAR HILL, GEORGIA DURING THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY OF THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) GLOBAL PANDEMIC

WHEREAS, the President of the United States declared a National Public Health Emergency on Friday March 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Georgia declared a Public Health State of Emergency in Georgia on March 14, 2020, the Georgia General Assembly concurred with the Governor's declaration on March 16, 2020, and the Gwinnett County Chairman declared a State of Emergency with ratification by the Commission on March 17, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has declared the novel coronavirus known as COVID-19 a world health emergency and a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Charter of the City of Sugar Hill, in Sections 1.12 (12), (14), and (43), grants to the City the power to protect the safety, health, and welfare of the public; and

WHEREAS, the Charter of the City of Sugar Hill, in Section 1.12 (8), grants to the City the power to declare an emergency and "to make and carry out all reasonable provisions deemed necessary to deal with or meet such an emergency for the protection, safety, health, or well-being of the citizens of the city"; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sugar Hill has taken multiple measures to reduce the risk of community transmission, including city hall to public access, closing the Eagle Theatre, community gymnasium and Gary Pirkle Park, cancelling the March session of Municipal Court, postponed city-sponsored or hosted events and cancelled all city-related public meetings; and

WHEREAS, additional measures will likely be required in the coming days and weeks to address the fluid situation and such measures will likely need to be executed quickly and free of the usual formalities and procedures required for City action.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOVLED, and it is hereby resolved, by the City Council of the City of Sugar Hill, Georgia as follows:

Section 1: The City Council adopts and makes the findings discussed in the "Whereas" paragraphs the factual findings of the Council.

Section 2: The City Council hereby declares a public health state of emergency in the City of Sugar Hill due to the rapid spread of COVID-19 in the United States and the State of Georgia.

Section 3: The following provisions shall govern during the public health state of emergency declared herein:

- a. The City Council and all other boards, commissions or agencies of the City shall have authority to conduct meetings and take votes by teleconference in accordance with O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-1(g);
- b. The City Manager, with approval of the Mayor, shall have authority to take such actions deemed necessary or appropriate for the public health and safety of the citizens of the City of Sugar Hill.

Section 4: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Resolution are hereby suspended during the effective dates of this resolution (or any extension thereof) and the terms and provisions of this resolution shall prevail.

Section 5: This Resolution shall take effect upon passage by the City Council and shall expire by its own terms at 11:59 p.m. on April 13, 2020, unless terminated or extended by further action of the City Council.

Section 6: The City Clerk, in consultation with the City Attorney, shall have the power to correct scribes' errors.

SO RESOLVED, this 20th day of March, 2020.

Steve Edwards
Mayor

Attest:

Jane Whittington
City Clerk