



**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF SURRY
CITY OF MOUNT AIRY**

DECLARATION OF A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY

The Mayor of the City of Mount Airy, Surry County issues the following declaration:

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death by the SARS-CoV-2 virus, which is a new strain of coronavirus previously unidentified in humans and which can spread from person to person; and

WHEREAS, in response to the global spread of the virus and the disease it causes, the World Health Organization (“WHO”) has declared COVID-19 a Public Health Emergency of International Concern; the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) has warned of the high public health threat posed by COVID-19 globally and in the United States and has deemed it necessary to prohibit or restrict travel to areas designated by the CDC; the United States Department of Health and Human Services Secretary declared a public health emergency in the United States for COVID-19; and the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (“NCDHHS”) confirmed multiple cases of COVID-19 in North Carolina as of March 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, the State of North Carolina, through the Office of the Governor, Roy Cooper, issued Executive Order No. 116 titled “Declaration of a State of Emergency to Coordinate Response and Protective Actions to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19”; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Trump declared the COVID-19 pandemic to be a national emergency; and

WHEREAS, in consultation with health care professionals and based on guidance from the CDC and NCDHHS, I have determined it is necessary and appropriate to act immediately to ensure COVID-19 remain controlled and residents and visitors in the City of Mount Airy remain safe and secure; and

WHEREAS, Surry County has declared a State of Emergency and by this declaration, the City of Mount Airy should consent to the application of that declaration within the City of Mount Airy municipal limits; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Management Plan adopted by Surry County, and all applicable mutual assistance compacts and agreements, should be placed in effect and remain in effect until this Declaration expires or is rescinded and all Emergency Management and Health and Medical Services personnel should be ordered to cooperate in the implementation of the provisions of the County's Emergency Management Plan:

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as the Mayor of the City of Mount Airy, under Article 1A of Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes and under Article I, Section 2-22 of Chapter 2 of the City of Mount Airy Code of Ordinances that:

- Section 1. A Local State of Emergency is hereby declared within the jurisdiction of the City of Mount Airy in concert with Surry County and further declares the Emergency Management Plan adopted by Surry County, together with all applicable mutual assistance compacts and agreements, are in effect and shall remain in effect until this Declaration expires or is rescinded.
- Section 2. The emergency area covered by this State of Emergency shall be the municipal limits of the City of Mount Airy, North Carolina.
- Section 3. The following restrictions and prohibitions are imposed:
- a) Utility disconnects are being suspended along with late fees during this crisis.
 - b) Access to city facilities will be restricted and we are requesting all business be managed by telephone, email, or by appointment to minimize exposure to sickness, as well as to minimize necessary cleaning and sanitizing.
 - c) Access to the Police Department will be limited to the front lobby area, except in emergency situations.
 - d) Garbage collection will remain as scheduled during this time. We will make sure all safety measures are continued and will enhance safety measures if cases of the virus are confirmed in Surry County.
 - e) All payment collections (water/sewer; taxes; etc.) will be managed and accepted through the drive-thru window located at City Hall (300 South Main Street).
 - f) Public Restroom facilities will be closed until this declaration expires or is rescinded.
- Section 4. This Declaration authorizes the Chief of Police and all emergency management personnel to cooperate in the implementations of the provisions of this Declaration, Surry County's Emergency Management Plan and all applicable mutual assistance compacts and agreements, for the prevention of, preparation for, response to, and recovery from any and all emergency situations resulting from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 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 Clerk of the City of Mount Airy; and (c)

to be distributed to others as necessary to ensure proper implementation of this Declaration.

Section 6. This Declaration shall take effect on **March 17, 2020** and shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded.

DECLARED this the 16th day of March, 2020.

David L. Rowe

David L. Rowe, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa N. Brame
Melissa N. Brame, City Clerk

