

RENEWAL OF DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, City of Forest Park, Clayton County, Georgia has experienced an event of critical significance as a result of COVID-19 pandemic event that has hit the United States;

WHEREAS, President Donald J. Trump declared a national state of emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic on March 13, 2020 and Georgia Governor Brian Kemp declared a public health emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic on March 14, 2020;

WHEREAS, the declaration of the President and the Governor have been extended a number of times and remain in place;

WHEREAS, in recent weeks, a new more communicable strain of COVID-19 has emerged;

WHEREAS, infection rates and deaths due to COVID-19 have increased substantially in Georgia in recent weeks;

WHEREAS, in judgment of the Mayor of the City of Forest Park, with advice from the Forest Park Emergency Management Agency, there exist emergency circumstances located in the City of Forest Park requiring extraordinary and immediate corrective actions for the protection of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Forest Park; and

WHEREAS, to prevent or minimize injury to people and damage to property resulting from this event;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to authority vested in me by Title 4, Chapter 5 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Forest Park, Georgia, and state law.

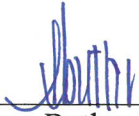
IT IS HEREBY DECLARED that a local state of emergency exists and shall continue until the emergency declarations made by the President of the United States and the Governor of Georgia are lifted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the relevant portions of the City of Forest Park Emergency Operations Plan are hereby activated;
2. All orders of the Governor of the State of Georgia in response to the COVID-19 pandemic event are hereby imposed within the City limits of Forest Park and all staff are directed to carry out such orders;
3. Further, all gatherings and special events of the City, including those initiated by members of the City Council, are hereby to be postponed until further notice unless full compliance with applicable public health COVID-19 guidelines and/or the Governor's restrictions on gatherings can be assured; and

4. That the Chief of Police and the Chief of Fire review and recommend to the Mayor whether any of the provisions of Section 4-5-2 (a)(4)d should be implemented.

ENTERED at 11:59p.m. on January 8, 2021.



Angelyne Butler, MPA
Mayor