

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF FULTON

**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE BY THE CITY OF EAST POINT, GEORGIA, TO
PROVIDE FOR THE HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE OF THE GENERAL
PUBLIC**

WHEREAS, the duly elected governing authority of the City of East Point, Georgia is the Mayor and Council thereof; and

WHEREAS, the governing authority is empowered to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of the residents, employees, businesses, and visitors within the city; and

WHEREAS, the spread of the COVID-19 virus has been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization (“WHO”); and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control (“CDC”) has recommended the public avoid gatherings of 50 people or more; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has declared the spread of COVID-19 a national emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of Georgia has declared the spread of COVID-19 a public health emergency in the state; and

WHEREAS, the health, safety, and welfare of residents, businesses, employees, and visitors are the top priority of the governing authority; and

WHEREAS, the governing authority and staff have been closely monitoring the spread of COVID-19 and the associated guidance from medical professionals as well as state and federal government agencies to help stop the spread of the disease; and

WHEREAS, the governing authority believes it is necessary to provide guidance regarding the City of East Point’s response to this emergency and associated regulations; and

WHEREAS, the governing authority is authorized to provide emergency management ordinances under O.C.G.A. § 38-3-28 and East Point Charter Section 2-203;

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED that:

Section 1: The Mayor and Council of the City of East Point declare a state of emergency in the City of East Point based on the global pandemic Coronavirus / COVID-19 disease.

Section 2:

- 1) All City of East Point parks and playground facilities are hereby closed to the public during the effective time of this ordinance;
- 2) All bars, restaurants, and other establishments who sell food or beverages for consumption on the premises or who provide entertainment on the premises shall be closed to in-person dining, alcohol consumption, or entertainment of more than fifty (50) patrons at one time during the effective time of this ordinance.
- 3) Said bars, restaurants, and other establishments may offer food for take away, delivery, or for customers to eat at location(s) other than the establishment.
- 4) A Moratorium on the acceptance of applications and/or the issuance of permits for events consisting of a gathering of more than the number of people recommended in CDC's interim guidance for mass gatherings or large community events (currently 50 people as of March 16, 2020), as may be amended, is hereby imposed during the effective time of this ordinance.

Section 3: The Mayor and Council further recommend that all individuals adhere to recommendations by State and Federal Officials and Agencies related to health and safety during this health emergency, including but not limited to:

- Stock up on supplies.

- Take everyday precautions to keep space between yourself and others.
- Avoid crowds as much as possible.
- Avoid all non-essential travel.
- Stay at home as much as possible to further reduce your risk of being exposed.
- Contact your healthcare provider to ask about obtaining extra necessary medications to have on hand or consider using mail-order for medications.
- Be sure to have over the counter medicine and medical supplies on hand.
- Have enough household items and groceries on hand so you will be prepared to stay home for a period of time.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Wash your hands often with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds, especially after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing, or having been in a public place.
- If soap and water are not available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- To the extent possible, avoid touching high-touch surfaces in public places.
- Wash your hands after touching surfaces in public places.
- Avoid touching your face, nose, eyes, etc.
- Clean and disinfect your home to remove germs; practice routine cleaning of frequently touched surfaces (i.e. tables, doorknobs, light switches, handles, desks, toilets, faucets, sinks & cell phones).

Section 4: This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its adoption. Pursuant to Charter Section 2-203(a) this Ordinance shall be automatically repealed thirty (30) days from the date of its adoption. However, the Ordinance may be reenacted in the same manner or repealed earlier by a repealing ordinance.

Section 5: The City Clerk, in consultation with the City Attorney, is authorized to correct any scrivener's errors contained in this ordinance.

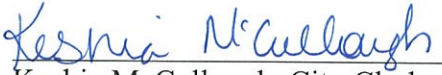
BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of East Point, this 16th day of March, 2020.

First Reading: Waived
Adoption: 3/16/2020

CITY OF EAST POINT, GEORGIA


Deana Holiday Ingraham, Mayor

ATTEST:


Keshia McCullough, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Brad Bowman, City Attorney

