



## DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY Town of Jonesville, North Carolina

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death by the SARS-Co V-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**, the Town of Jonesville is taking preemptive measures in light of the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the above-described pandemic, I have determined that there is an imminent threat of, or existing conditions have caused or will cause, widespread or severe dangers for the safety of the public, and that authorities will be unable to maintain public order or afford adequate protection for lives; and

**WHEREAS**, declaring a State of Emergency and imposing the restrictions and prohibitions ordered herein is necessary to maintain order and protect public health, safety, and welfare; and

**WHEREAS**, healthcare professionals have stated there is a need to wash hands and clothing to help prevent the virus; and

**WHEREAS**, further protective measures are being taking by closing the lobby area of the Welcome Center, Town Hall and Police Department; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, pursuant to the authority vested in me as the Mayor of the Town of Jonesville, NC under Article 1A of Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes and Title III, Chapter 35, Section 35.02 of the Town of Jonesville Code of Ordinances:

**Section 1.** A State of Emergency is hereby declared within the corporate jurisdiction of the Town of Jonesville.

**Section 2.** The emergency area covered by this State of Emergency shall be the Town's entire corporate jurisdiction.

**Section 3.** The following restrictions and prohibitions are imposed:

- a) Utility disconnects are being suspended along with late and non-payment 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) Garbage and recycling collection will remain as scheduled during this time. In the event there is a change to the schedule, residents will be contacted through the town wide phone tree, social media and on the Town website.
- d) All payment collections (water/sewer, taxes, etc) will be managed and accepted through the Town Hall drop box (1503 NC Highway 67), by phone (336-835-3426) and online at the Town website ([www.jonesvillenc.gov](http://www.jonesvillenc.gov)) receipts will be mailed upon request. The drive-thru window is available for questions about customers' accounts or town services.
- e) Playground areas at Lila Swaim Park and Jonesville Greenway Trail Head along with public restroom facilities will be closed until this declaration expires or is rescinded.

**Section 4.** The Town of Jonesville law enforcement officers will continue to be available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, for emergencies call 911. For administration help Monday – Friday call 336-835-5020.

**Section 6.** I hereby order all Town of Jonesville law enforcement officers and employees and all other emergency management personnel subject to our control to cooperate in the enforcement and implementation of the provisions of this Declaration, all applicable local ordinances, state and federal laws.

**Section 7.** 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 to the Town and (c) to be distributed to others as necessary to ensure proper implementation of this declaration.

**Section 8.** This declaration shall take effect immediately on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020, and shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded.

**DECLARED** this the 28<sup>th</sup> day of March at 6:00pm

  
Wenona C. Thompson, Town Clerk

  
The Honorable Gene Pardue  
Mayor Town of Jonesville