

## PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Darien has issued a State of Emergency Order on March 20, 2020 pursuant to Municipal Code of the City of Darien Chapter 34 – Emergency Management due to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic; and


WHEREAS, Section 34-6 of the Municipal Code of the City of Darien allows the Mayor to implement provisions to protect the safety of the citizens of the City of Darien;

Due to the dangers presented by the COVID-19 virus, it continues to be evident that there is a need for further regulation of restaurants, pubs, bars and the like. After continued consultation and advice from various organizations, it has been recommended by McIntosh County Emergency Management that all such facilities continue to be limited to drive-thru, take-out, and outdoor dining service, only; provided that, outdoor dining establishments adhere to social distancing provisions as outlined by the Office of the Governor and the Department of Public Health. “Dine-in” services, defined as the act of entering a facility for the purposes of consuming food and/or drink, inside and on premises, continues to be specifically PROHIBITED.

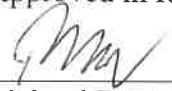
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the general population is encouraged to avoid assemblies of ten or more people. It is strongly recommended that faith-based gatherings, including funerals, weddings, as well as regular services, be suspended until further notice. Anyone choosing to participate in such activities is urged to take precautions, including limiting contact with “at risk” individuals. The continued efforts of many churches and other faith-based organizations to abide by this request is appreciated.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that in accordance with Section 34-6 of the Municipal Code of the City of Darien, that a CURFEW IS ESTABLISHED in an effort to preserve, protect and sustain the lives of the citizens of Darien during the COVID-19 State of Emergency. During the prescribed hours of 9:00 p.m., up to 6:00 a.m., on each and every day, it shall be unlawful for any person to travel, loiter, wander or stroll in or upon the public streets, highways, roads, lanes, parks or other public grounds, public places, public buildings, places of amusement, eating places, vacant lots or any other place during the declared COVID-19 State of Emergency. Exceptions to this CURFEW are limited to travel to and from work, travel to and from attempts to secure medical treatment, and travel to and from attempts to secure food. Travelers engaged in traveling through the city limits on Interstate 95 are likewise exempt. All persons listed in Section 34-6(c) of the Municipal Code of the City of Darien is hereby exempted from this provision.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the terms of this order shall remain in effect up to and until April 19, 2020. Due to the level of restriction applied, staff is instructed to review the need for such restriction on a daily basis. It may be necessary to extend the terms, or similar terms. If the extension becomes necessary, notice will be provided to all establishments.

  
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HUGH J. HODGE  
MAYOR, CITY OF DARIEN

Approved in form:

  
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Richard Braun, City Manager/City Attorney