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City of Cumming Issues Covid-19 Emergency Management Order Related to Food Service Establishments

CUMMING, Ga. – On March 31, 2020, Mayor Troy Brumbalow and Police Chief David Marsh signed a Covid-19 Emergency Management Order which suspends all on-premises consumption of food at restaurants, delis, bars and all other eating establishments within the City Limits of the City of Cumming. The order goes into effect at 12:01 a.m. on Wednesday, April 1, 2020, and will remain in place until a subsequent order is made by the City of Cumming.

Under the order, all food-service establishments within the Cumming City Limits must cease all dine-in and/or patio service for food and beverages. Establishments which are exempt from the order are hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and personal care homes.

Also pursuant to the order, food-service establishments within the Cumming City Limits which have a current pouring license may sell new, unopened containers of alcohol along with to-go food orders. Establishments are allowed to sell up to six new, unopened malt beverages and two bottles of wine in conjunction with a food order of equal or greater value than the alcohol order (no alcohol-only sales are permitted).

Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp declared a Public Health Emergency on March 14, 2020, related to the novel coronavirus and its spread in Georgia. That declaration triggers certain powers under the City of Cumming Emergency Management Ordinance, including the naming of the City's Chief of Police as the Chief Emergency Official. Among the actions which can be taken by the Chief Emergency Official are actions to limit the scope and services of certain types of businesses to the extent necessary to address and respond to the declared state of emergency.

The City of Cumming Police Department is empowered to enforce the order pursuant to Section 8-21 of the Code of the City of Cumming, as well as State Law. Penalties for violation shall be as set forth in Section 8-21 (b), including fines and imprisonment.

Mayor Troy Brumbalow said he felt it was important for the City of Cumming to enact this order at this time.

“We find ourselves in an unprecedented point in American history and these times call for unique measures,” he said. “The seriousness of the novel coronavirus situation means that we all must work together and take the steps that are necessary to help stop the spread of Covid-19, which will ultimately lead to saving lives.

“This order puts the City of Cumming and Forsyth County, which enacted a similar order on March 27, on the same footing regarding our community’s food-service establishments, which creates less confusion for both businesses and residents throughout our community. This is vital as we all work together to combat this disease.”

For the most up-to-date information regarding City of Cumming news and announcements regarding Covid-19, follow the City’s Facebook page (facebook.com/cummingcityhall) and the City’s Covid-19 Information page (cityofcumming.net/news).

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