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### **City of Cumming Issues Covid-19 Emergency Management Order to Enforce Social Distancing**

CUMMING, Ga. – On March 31, 2020, Mayor Troy Brumbalow and Police Chief David Marsh signed a Covid-19 Emergency Management Order which allows for enforcement of social distancing measures in all public locations inside the Cumming City Limits, including stores and shopping areas, restaurants, businesses, parks, and neighborhoods. 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, “no two people who are not related by blood or marriage shall come in contact nor within six feet of each other.” For the purpose of this regulation, the term “related by blood or marriage” shall mean spouses, parent and child, siblings, grandparents and grandchild, or great-grandparents and grandchild. Step-relations and foster relations shall also fall within the term “related by blood or marriage.”

Several exemptions are outlined in the order, which can be found in its entirety at [www.cityofcumming.net/news](http://www.cityofcumming.net/news).

Mayor Troy Brumbalow said he felt that enacting regulations regarding social distancing was important in protecting the health and wellbeing of everyone in the Cumming community, while balancing the need of businesses to continue to operate.

“The ultimate goal is of course to stop the spread of this virus,” he said. “My goal is to stop the spread of this at the roots, which is person to person contact.

“While some municipalities are issuing shelter-in-place orders, these orders still allow for essential businesses to operate, which still allows for the spread of Covid-19 if people are not practicing proper

social distancing measures. For example, individuals can just as easily spread the virus by going to the grocery store or pharmacy as they can by having social gatherings if they are not properly spaced from other shoppers and taking appropriate actions such as frequent handwashing.”

Cumming Police officers will be enforcing the social distancing order; additionally, the City will be appointing residents to serve as “special policemen” to assist in enforcement efforts. Penalties for violation shall be set forth in Section 8-21(b), which includes fines of up to \$1,000 and imprisonment of up to 180 days.

“I will be swearing in up to 150 ‘special policemen’ who will be authorized to issue citations for anyone found to be in violation of this order,” Mayor Brumbalow said. “These individuals will be in plain clothes and could be at any public location at any time. What I want people to be aware of is that they should always be thinking about social distancing, whether they are buying groceries, picking up a prescription, or even taking a walk in their neighborhood.”

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](https://facebook.com/cummingcityhall)) and the City’s Covid-19 Information page ([cityofcumming.net/news](https://cityofcumming.net/news)).

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