

COUNTY OF ASHE NORTH CAROLINA

SUPPLEMENTAL PROCLAMATION TO THE ASHE COUNTY STATE OF EMERGENCY ORDER ISSUED MARCH 20, 2020 AT 7:30 P.M.

WHEREAS, the Ashe County proclamation of a State of Emergency which went into effect on March 20, 2020, and Chapter 30 (Section 30.9) of the Ashe County Ordinances, as well as North Carolina General Statute 166A authorize the County to order certain restrictions that are deemed necessary for the health, safety, and protection of the public; and,

WHEREAS, the Ashe County Commissioners, by and through the Chairman of the Board, have determined that it is reasonably necessary to issue such a restriction, the primary purpose being to restrict non-essential travel into Ashe County and consenting municipalities during this State of Emergency; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority of Ashe County Ordinance Chapter 30 (Section 30.9), and North Carolina General Statute 166A-19.31 (a) and (b), the undersigned Chairman of the Ashe County Board of Commissioners, acting with the consent of the mayors of the towns of West Jefferson and Lansing, hereby orders and declares:

- 1) Effective Thursday, March 26, 2020 at 5:00 p.m., all lodging facilities, for example, hotels, motels, resorts, inns, guest houses, bed and breakfasts, campgrounds, RV parks, vacation cabins, home rentals, and any and all rental or leases by Air-BNB, HomeAway, VRBO, and other rental programs or places where leases or use of any are for less than 60 days in duration, shall be closed in Ashe County, including in the municipalities of West Jefferson and Lansing, EXCEPT exemptions as hereinafter set forth. This order shall supersede previously made reservations.

- a) **Work-Related Exemptions:** This closure does not apply if a lease or extended overnight accommodation is due to work here in Ashe County for business, medical, construction, emergency services, or other related services. In this situation, the employee staying at the lodging facility should have their employer provide their work-related identification badge or a letter from the employer stating the purpose of the work to be performed in Ashe County and the expected duration of the stay.
 - b) **Homeless Shelter:** This closure does not apply to lodging facilities housing authorized individuals in Ashe County or as needed to house the homeless in an emergency related to the COVID-19 Response.
 - c) **Emergency Facility:** This closure does not apply to a lodging facility if used as an emergency facility to assist with the COVID-19 Response.
 - d) **Extended stay hotels and campgrounds** may continue to offer lodging for terms of no less than 60 days to persons who are presently on the premises but shall not enter into new leases or rentals.
- 2) **Restricted Access:** Effective immediately, all public meetings will be conducted remotely. Instructions to the public on how to participate will be posted on the Ashe County website. Exceptions to this order may be allowed pertaining to quasi-judicial proceedings. A determination of whether quasi-judicial proceedings will be scheduled, conducted as usual, continued, or conducted remotely will be on a case-by-case basis, at the discretion of the presiding Chair.
 - 3) Effective April 1, 2020, at 5:00 p.m., all residents and non-residents of Ashe County arriving for overnight stays are ordered, while present in the County, to self-quarantine for a period of 14 days, or 7 days after symptoms have resolved, whichever is longer, if arrival was preceded by overnights outside the County. The only exceptions to this provision are the commuting "essential" workforce and emergent response as coordinated through the Ashe County Emergency Services Director, AppHealthCare Director, and/or Sheriff and their designees.
 - 4) Effective immediately, all persons within the geographical boundaries of Ashe County, NC are to avoid all outdoor activities considered to be high risk (rock climbing and rappelling) and avoid hiking and backpacking in unfamiliar territory. This will help reduce possible impacts to emergency medical personnel and first responders during the State of Emergency.

By and with the consent of the mayors of the municipalities consenting hereto, this Declaration of a Local State of Emergency applies within the municipal limits of the Town of West Jefferson and the Town of Lansing.

This Declaration is in addition to the Executive Orders referenced above and should any provision hereof be declared invalid or unconstitutional by any court of any competent jurisdiction, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the Declaration that as a whole or any part thereof which is not specifically declared to be invalid or unconstitutional.

We direct that copies of this Declaration be disseminated to the mass communications media for publication and broadcast and that a copy of this Declaration be posted at the Ashe County Courthouse and other public buildings as appropriate.

Any person who violates any provision of the Declaration shall be guilty of a Class 2 Misdemeanor in accordance with North Carolina General Statute Sections 166A-19.31 and 14-288.20A.

All of the terms and conditions of the said Local State of Emergency declared on March 20, 2020 shall remain in force and in effect.

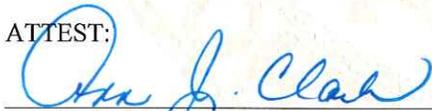
This Declaration of a Local State of Emergency for Ashe County shall begin upon its adoption and shall remain in effect until May 8, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. unless extended or rescinded.

Adopted this the 1st day of April, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.



Todd McNeill, Chairman
Ashe County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:


Ann J. Clark, MMC, NCCCC
Clerk to the Board

CONSENTED TO:

By: _____
Mack Powers, Mayor
Town of Lansing

By: _____
Thomas Hartman, Mayor
Town of West Jefferson