



CITY OF FREDERICKSBURG EMERGENCY ORDER #1

IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

On March 12, 2020, Governor Ralph Northam declared a state of emergency in response to the continued spread of novel coronavirus, COVID-19, a communicable disease posing an immediate threat to public health. On March 16, 2020, the City of Fredericksburg, finding that a local emergency exists, issued a Declaration of Local Emergency to invoke emergency authority to protect the health and safety of all persons in the City.

On March 16, 2020, President Donald J. Trump advised all Americans to take measures to limit the spread of the disease by avoiding groups of more than 10 persons. Today, Governor Northam followed suit by directing all businesses and restaurants in the Commonwealth to abide by federal guidelines to avoid gatherings of 10 or more.

In accordance with the guidance issued by federal and state authorities and to protect public health, safety and welfare by mitigating the spread of COVID-19, it is necessary to limit the occupancy of gathering places within the City.

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in Fredericksburg City Manager and Director of Emergency Management Timothy J. Baroody pursuant to Fredericksburg City Charter Section 22(G), Virginia Code §44-146.21, Fredericksburg City Code §26-32 *et seq.*, and the Declaration of Local Emergency for the City of Fredericksburg dated March 16, 2020, in coordination with the Virginia Department of Emergency Management pursuant to Virginia Code §44-146.18, in consultation with and with the support of Dr. Denise Bonds, MD, MPH, Acting Director of the Rappahannock District Health Department, and in accordance with the recommendations issued by Mary Washington Healthcare in a letter dated March 16, 2020, it is hereby ordered that:

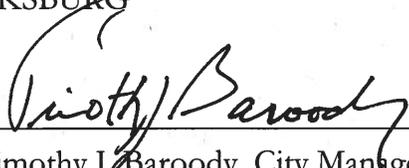
The following emergency regulations and orders shall be effective as of 5:00 p.m. on March 17 2020, to preserve life and protect health in the City of Fredericksburg. The following emergency regulations have the power of law and shall remain in effect until 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, March 31, 2020, and shall supersede all conflicting laws

during the existence of this emergency, with the exception of more restrictive rules or regulations issued by order of the Governor of the Commonwealth.

1. Dine-in service at all restaurants, coffee shops, cafeterias, cafés, and other eating establishments serving food or beverages within the City of Fredericksburg, including all indoor and outdoor spaces, shall be limited to occupancy of no more than 10 persons. All parties must be seated and separated at a distance of at least 6 feet apart from other patrons in accordance with social distancing recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. This order does not forbid otherwise lawful drive-through, take-out or delivery services. A copy of this order or a sign conveying the closure information shall be conspicuously posted by the owner, operator, manager, or other person having control of an establishment subject to this order. This regulation does not apply to grocery stores, pharmacies, or hospitals.
2. All indoor social, community, recreational, concerts, conferences, and sporting events and other gatherings of 10 people or more are prohibited at all locations and venues, including but not limited to expos, conventions, auditoriums, theaters, large conference rooms, meeting halls, and event spaces.

The Fredericksburg Police Department and Fire Marshal are responsible for enforcing this order. Under City Code §26-34, it is unlawful to refuse or neglect to obey any rules and regulations as proclaimed by the director of emergency management.

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By: 
Timothy J. Baroody, City Manager

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

CITY/COUNTY OF VIRGINIA, to-wit:

I, BRENDA T. MARTIN, a notary public for the city or county aforesaid, in the Commonwealth of Virginia, do certify that Timothy J. Baroody, whose name is signed to the writing above bearing date on the 17 day of

MARCH, 2020, has acknowledged the same before me in my county or city aforesaid.

Given under my hand this 17 day of MARCH, 2020.

My commission expires: JULY 31, 2021

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Notary registration no.: 308347

Brenda T. Marti

Notary Public

