

**A PROCLAMATION OF A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY
BY THE COUNTY OF STOKES
AND THE IMPOSITION OF PROHIBITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS
DURING THE STATE OF EMERGENCY**

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF STOKES COUNTY DO HEREBY ACT TO:

WHEREAS, on Friday, March 13th, 2020, a National State of Emergency was issued for the COVID-19 Pandemic. Stokes County expects to receive impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic. COVID-19 is a respiratory illness that can lead to serious illness or death. Impacts from COVID-19 could be inclusive of, but not limited to, high volumes of "Suspected Coronavirus" patients, great demands placed on the overall Emergency Services through the continued need for Personal Protective Equipment, Decontamination Solutions, workforce exposure to "Suspected Coronavirus" patients, and great demands placed on all medical providers within the county which could result in extended work hours for all staff. These medical providers are inclusive of Communicable Disease Nurses and other personnel employed by the Stokes County Health Department, Stokes County Emergency Services and Law Enforcement Agencies having any jurisdiction within the boundaries of Stokes County. These overall impacts will be countywide.

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners of Stokes County (the "Commissioners") has Determined that the above described emergency is a threat of widespread or severe illness, and in extreme cases, loss of life.

WHEREAS, declaring a Local State of Emergency and imposing the control measures ordered herein is necessary to maintain order and to protect public health, safety, and welfare for the citizens of Stokes County.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF STOKES COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA THAT:

1. A State of Emergency is hereby declared by the Commissioners to exist in Stokes County pursuant to Article 36a of Chapter 14, Chapter 166a, and Chapter 153a of the North Carolina General Statutes and Stokes County Emergency Ordinance Parts 1 and 2, as a result of the imminent threat of COVID-19
2. The Local State of Emergency area covered by this declaration shall be the total geographic area of Stokes County and all townships in Stokes County.
3. In Accordance with North Carolina General Statute 166A-19.3, the County of Stokes can enact a variety of different restrictions and/or prohibitions as this evolving situation warrants. At this time there are no restrictions.
4. I hereby request that all residents, visitors, businesses, and establishments within Stokes county follow any and all directives and recommendations set for by the North Carolina Governor's Office, North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, and the Stokes County Health Department.
5. I hereby order all County of Stokes law enforcement officers, emergency response personnel and all county employees subject to our control to cooperate in the enforcement and implementation of the provisions of this Declaration, all state and federal laws, and the Stokes County Emergency Operations Plan.
6. This Declaration shall take effect on Monday, March 16, 2020 at 10:00 am and shall remain in effect until modified or terminated by the Board of Commissioners.
7. The Board of Commissioners of Stokes County shall by proclamation terminate the entire declaration of emergency or remove any prohibitions when the emergency no longer requires such action.

Respectfully submitted this 16th day of March, 2020, by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Stokes, North Carolina.

By: _____

Andy Rink
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Attest: _____

Sharon B. Shaw