

City of Auburn, Georgia

Local Emergency Order

January 3, 2022

WHEREAS, the City has experienced a recent surge and spread of the severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2, SARS-CoV-2, (COVID-19);

WHEREAS, a substantial number of City employees, officials and their families have contracted COVID; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Governor Kemp have recommended a number of practices and directives to reduce the spread of the virus; and

WHEREAS, in spite of these measures and the good faith efforts of citizens and employees of the City to reduce the spread, the incidents of infection continue to increase; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens and employees of the City to take the additional temporary measures outlined herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Auburn by local and state law;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

- (1) Effective immediately, a City-wide emergency is declared regarding the spread of the COVID-19 virus in and around the City.
- (2) The City's Department Heads are authorized to permit employees who have the capability to work from home to do so through January 13, 2022.
- (3) The City Hall lobby is temporarily closed to visitors until Monday January 10, 2022. Citizens and visitors are strongly encouraged to make an appointment for in person service or to conduct business with the City by telephone or teleconference. Drop boxes are available at City Hall for payments and delivery of documents to the City.
- (4) The City Council meeting scheduled for January 6, 2022 shall be a hybrid Zoom meeting. Staff and members of the public are urged to attend the meeting via Zoom. The City staff shall provide the link to the meeting to the media and publish it on the City's website. The City Administrator shall be authorized to utilize personnel and resources, including but not limited to the City Police Department and Code

Enforcement Officer, to support compliance with and to assist in the enforcement of this Order.

- (5) The provisions of this Order shall be effective beginning immediately and shall expire on January 13, 2022 at 8:00 a.m. unless modified or extended.

SO ORDERED, this 3rd day of January 2022.


Linda Blechinger, Mayor