

**JOINT EMERGENCY DECLARATION AND ORDINANCE**  
**A DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY ARISING**  
**BECAUSE OF COVID-19; AN ORDINANCE TAKING**  
**ADDITIONAL MEASURES**

**WHEREAS**, on March 23, 2020, the City of Eastman and the Dodge County Commissioners issued and published a Joint Resolution and Ordinance declaring a State of Emergency (hereinafter ‘Joint Resolution’); and,

**WHEREAS**, said Joint Resolution declared a local state of emergency as defined under OCGA § 38-3-28 et seq. within the City of Eastman and Dodge County which shall continue through April 20, 2020; and,

**WHEREAS**, said Joint Resolution, in part, required all bars, restaurants, or businesses who sold food or beverages for consumption on premises or who provided entertainment on the premises to be closed to in-person dining, consumption of alcohol, or entertainment, but allowed said establishments to offer food for take away or for customers to eat somewhere other than at the establishment, and established a voluntary curfew; and,

**WHEREAS**, O.C.G.A. § 38-3-28 provides that the City of Eastman and Dodge County Commissioners have authority to make, amend, and rescind such orders, rules, and regulations as may be necessary for emergency management purposes to supplement rules and regulations promulgated by the Governor during a State of Emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, City Council of the City of Eastman and the Dodge County Commissioners have met in Emergency Called Meetings on March 25, 2020 to take actions deemed necessary to deal with this emergency for the protection of the safety, health, and well-being of the citizens of the City and the County; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DECLARED** that additional measures are required to address our local state of emergency within the City and the County which shall continue until the conditions requiring this declaration are abated as determined by the City Council and the Dodge County Commissioners:

**THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED AND ORDAINED BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EASTMAN AND THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1:** For purposes of describing the circumstances which warrant the adoption of an emergency ordinance, the City Council and Dodge County Commissioners hereby incorporate by reference as if fully stated herein their Joint Resolution dated March 23,

2020, and further adopt and make the findings included in the “WHEREAS” clauses as findings of fact.

**Section 2:** For the duration of the declared emergency, the City of Eastman will not disconnect any public utility service provided by the City on account of non-payment. After the conclusion of the declared emergency, persons will have a period of thirty (30) days to make such payments before service may be disconnected.

**Section 3:** Any deadlines for the purchasing or obtaining by persons or businesses of occupation tax certificates, permits or similar civil approvals mandated by the City of Eastman or Dodge County shall be tolled for the duration of the emergency as established herein, and for 15 days thereafter. Such persons or businesses shall obtain necessary permissions required by law but deadlines set by the City of Eastman or Dodge County are tolled for the duration of the emergency as established herein, and for 15 days thereafter.

**Section 4:** For Gyms, fitness centers, pools, social clubs, amusement facilities, bowling alleys, pool halls, theaters, massage parlors, nail salons, hair salons and any other similar facility, any facility used for an activity that involves prolonged physical proximity of individuals, and any facility used for entertainment, social, grooming, or general health and wellbeing purposes, must close and remain closed for the duration of this emergency.

**Section 5:** All other establishments not covered in Section 4 of this Ordinance such as grocery stores, pharmacies, and other businesses which remain open during the emergency must post signage on entrance doors informing consumers to maintain at least six (6) feet of personal distance between themselves and others and shall not allow more than ten (10) people into such establishment at any one time if such social distancing cannot be maintained.

**Section 6:** A mandatory curfew is imposed from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. effective at 8:00 a.m. on March 26, 2020. Residents, unless “exempt individuals” as defined in the Joint Resolution of the City of Eastman and Dodge County dated March 23, 2020, shall remain in their homes or on their property during the curfew period.

**Section 7:** Violation of this Joint Emergency Declaration and Ordinance shall subject the offender to a fine not to exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisonment for Sixty (60) days or both.

**Section 8:** For ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Joint Emergency Declaration and Ordinance are hereby suspended during the effective dates of this Declaration and the terms and provisions of this Declaration shall prevail.

This Ordinance after adoption by the City Council of the City of Eastman and the Dodge County Commissioners and upon such approval shall become effective at 8 a.m. March 26, 2020.

ORDAINED AND RESOLVED, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March ~~2020~~.



Attest: Evelyn Lampkin  
City Clerk



Attest: County Clerk

Approved as to form:



Rita J Llop  
City Attorney



Buddy Pittman, Chairman  
Eastman City Council



Dan McCranie, Chairman  
Dodge County Board of Commissioners



John P. Harrington  
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