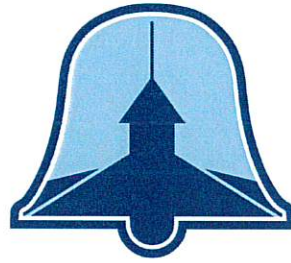


—TOWN OF—
BISCOE

INCORPORATED 1901

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death by the SARS-CoV-2 virus, which is a new strain of coronavirus previously unidentified in humans and which can spread from person to person; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a Public Health Emergency of International Concern on January 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") has warned of the high public health threat posed by COVID-19 globally and in the United States and has deemed it necessary to prohibit or restrict travel to areas designated by the CDC; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services Secretary declared a public health emergency in the United States for COVID-19 under Section 319 of the Public Health Service Act; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services ("NCDHHS") confirmed multiple cases of COVID-19 in North Carolina as of March 17, 2020; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Town of Biscoe Code of Ordinances, Title III, Chapter 36.02 and North Carolina General Statutes Chapter 166A, a Local State of Emergency can be declared by the Mayor when necessary in the interest of public health and safety of the citizens of the Town of Biscoe and thereupon to exercise the powers and duties set forth therein to direct and aid in response to, recovery from, and mitigation against such emergencies; and

WHEREAS, The Mayor is authorized and empowered to limit by proclamation the application of all or any part of such restrictions to any area specifically designated or described within the Town and to specific hours of the day or night; and to exempt from all or any part of such restrictions, while acting in the line and within the scope of their respective duties, law enforcement officers, firefighters and other public employees as may be essential to the preservation of public order and immediately necessary to serve the safety, health and welfare needs of people within the Town; and

WHEREAS, The Mayor by proclamation may prohibit obtaining access or attempting to obtain access to any area, designated in the manner described in this section, in violation of any order clearly posted notice or barricade indicating that access is denied or restricted. Areas to which access is denied or restricted shall be designated by the Fire Chief along with the Chief of Police and his subordinates or other law enforcement officer when directed to do so by the Mayor.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED THAT A STATE OF EMERGENCY EXISTS IN THE TOWN OF BISCOE.

In accordance with this Proclamation, the Fire Chief with the Chief of Police and his subordinates may restrict or deny access to any area, street, highway or location within the Town, if that restriction or denial of access or use is reasonably necessary to promote efforts being made to overcome the emergency or to prevent further aggravation of the emergency including, but not limited to:

- A. Movements of people in public places
- B. The operation of offices, businesses establishments and other places to or from which people may travel or at which they may congregate; and
- C. Other activities or conditions, the control of which may be reasonably necessary to maintain order and protect the health of the community during the state of emergency within the area designated in the proclamation

FURTHER, I hereby delegate to the Town Manager, and/or his designee, all power and authority granted to me and required of me by Article 1A of Chapter 166A and Article 36A of Chapter 14 of the North Carolina General Statutes, and by Title III Chapter 36 of the Town of Biscoe Code of Ordinances, for the purpose of implementing emergency operations plans, and to take such further action consistent with this Proclamation as is necessary to promote and secure the safety and protection of those dwelling in the Town.

FURTHER, I direct that copies of this Proclamation be disseminated to the mass communications media for publication and broadcast, and that a copy of the Proclamation be posted at Town Hall and other Town facilities and buildings as appropriate.

FURTHER, This Proclamation shall become effective immediately upon endorsement and shall continue until rescinded pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. 166A-19.22(c).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and affixed the Great Seal of the Town of Biscoe, North Carolina, this the 17th day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty.




William E. Reynolds, Mayor

Attest:


Laura B. Morton, CMC, NCCMC