

## COVID 19 UPDATE

March 19, 2020

Today, the Mayor and Council of the City of Hogansville have enacted an emergency ordinance declaring a State of Emergency in the city. Among other things, the ordinance declares there is, in fact, a state of emergency in the City. Further, the ordinance ordains:

The State of Emergency shall exist for a period of 60 days.

There shall be no public gatherings on property owned or controlled by the City.

The City Manager is vested with the following discretionary powers:

To categorize City services as either “required” or “discretionary.”

To assign specific employees to either “required” or “discretionary” services.

To temporarily suspend the provision of discretionary services.

To provide wages to any employees who are directed not to report to work.

To contract for and expand non-budgeted sums and services to meet the demands of the emergency.

Any deadlines for the purchasing or obtaining business licenses, permits or similar civil approvals shall be tolled for the emergency and for 15 days thereafter.

In addition to the declaration, the Mayor and Council are asking all citizens:

Not to gather in groups greater than 10 in any part of the City.

To consider closing any non-essential businesses for the duration of the emergency. (Essential businesses are health providers, food stores, pharmacies and other businesses providing essential services to the public.)

Restaurants are requested to open for delivery and take-out only. (We urge citizens to use the delivery and take-out services of our restaurants and to consider the purchase of gift certificates to sustain these businesses for the future.)

To practice, with fervor, the guidelines of the CDC to prevent the spread of the virus.