

CITY OF LAUREL
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR



CRAIG A. MOE
MAYOR

Executive Order No. 2020-04

Subject: City of Laurel Operations
During Civil Emergency and
Existence of Public Health Emergency
COVID-19

Effective Date: March 16, 2020

Pursuant to the powers granted to me by Section 2-176 and Section 2-177 of the Laurel City Code, I, Craig A. Moe, Mayor of the City of Laurel have declared a Municipal Civil Emergency in the City of Laurel due to an outbreak of disease (COVID-19) which does constitute an imminent threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the City and its citizens.

In accordance with Governor Hogan's Executive Order, the following actions will be taken in the City of Laurel:

- Effective today, March 16, 2020, starting at 5:00 pm, all bars, restaurants, fitness centers, spas, and movie theaters are to close. The Order allows for restaurants to continue carry-out, drive-thru, and delivery services and allows for eateries in health care facilities to remain open.
- Following CDC guidelines, gatherings of more than (fifty) 50 people, including social, community, spiritual, religious, recreational, leisure, and sporting gatherings, are prohibited at all locations and venues.
- Maryland Department of Health has been directed to work with providers to reopen closed hospital facilities across the state and take other measures necessary immediately to increase our capacity by an additional 6,000 beds.
- Any inactive practitioner may, at a health care facility in Maryland, engage in activities that would have been authorized under his/her inactive license without reinstating his/her inactive license.

- At the Governor's direction, the Secretary of Health has activated the Maryland Responds Medical Reserve Corps, a trained and dedicated force of 5,000 volunteers from across the state.
- The Executive Order prohibits electric, gas, water, sewage, phone, cable TV, and internet service provider companies from shutting off any residential service or charging any residential late fees.
- Maryland courts are prohibited from ordering the eviction of any tenant who can show that their failure to pay rent was the result of COVID-19.
- Maryland State Superintendent of Schools has applied for a federal waiver, and beginning today has the capability to provide three (3) meals a day, and a snack to students impacted by the statewide closure of schools. MSDE has 138 meal distributions centers across the state, which can be found at mdsummerschools.org.

OTHER ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN BY THE CITY:

Residents, businesses and visitors should know that as we continue to evaluate the delivery of essential services to our community during the City's Emergency Declaration, the following actions:


- All City offices will remain open; however, service delivery will be conducted online or by telephone only.
- All City Boards, Commissions, and Committee meetings are suspended until further notice. When possible, in-person meetings and hearings will be conducted by teleconferences.
- Access to all City buildings and indoor recreational facilities will be restricted to City employees only.
- The Laurel Police Department offices will remain open; however, administrative service delivery will be conducted online or by telephone only. The main lobby will remain open for individuals with emergencies and processing vehicle tow releases.
- All community meetings, facility rentals, and community-related activities are suspended at all City facilities until further notice.
- All non-essential, work-related out of state travel for City employees, is suspended until further notice.
- The Office of the Fire Marshal and Permit Services will continue new construction inspections; however, any inspection required to be performed inside occupied homes or commercial/business buildings are discontinued until further notice.

- All videotaping or programming performed by the Department of Communications that requires staff to enter any occupied home or commercial/business building is suspended until further notice.
- At the discretion of the City Administrator, these directives may be waived as necessary for the benefit of the City of Laurel and its Government.

The City of Laurel Police Department and the City's Department of the Fire Marshal and Permit Services will enforce the Governor's Executive Order, as well as the Mayor's Executive Order.

This Order shall supersede the City of Laurel Mayor's Executive Order 2020-03, dated March 13, 2020, titled, City of Laurel Operations During Civil Emergency and Existence of a Public Health Emergency COVID -19.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until my further Executive Order declaring the civil emergency ended.



Craig A. Moe
Mayor

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