

**Walker County, Georgia  
LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY  
by the Commissioner**

**Emergency Order No. 2**

**AN ORDER TO MITIGATE THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 BY TAKING EMERGENCY MEASURES TO RESTRICT CHILDCARE AND PERSONAL CARE SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, the novel coronavirus, aka COVID-19, prompted a national emergency on March 13, 2020; public health state of emergency for the state of Georgia on March 14, 2020; and a local state of emergency for Walker County, Georgia on March 18, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, despite limited and prioritized testing, there is clear evidence of community spread and exposure in our region, with multiple cases “confirmed” in neighboring counties, presenting a serious risk to the health, safety and welfare of Walker County, Georgia residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has stated COVID-19 is frequently spread between people who are in close contact with one another; and

**WHEREAS**, Georgia law allows for the suspension of certain laws, rules, ordinances and orders during a declared state of emergency, and authorizes the County to waive compliance with time consuming procedures and formalities; O.C.G.A. § 38-3-1 et. seq., Code of Walker County, Georgia; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 18, Section 5 of the Code of Walker County, Georgia grants the Commissioner emergency powers to promote and secure the safety, protection and well-being of the inhabitants of the County during a state of emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioner deems the temporary suspension of selected local ordinances and rules, and other measures contained herein are necessary to facilitate the response to the current emergency.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Shannon K. Whitfield, Commissioner of Walker County, Georgia, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Code of Walker County, Georgia, state of Georgia and other applicable laws, in light of the continuing state of emergency to facilitate the response to COVID-19, do hereby order the following businesses within the boundaries of the County, incorporated and unincorporated to close:

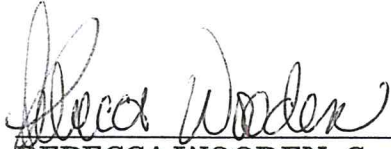
1. All non-home based childcare facilities, as defined by the Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning, that care for more than six (6) children under the age of 18 for pay.
2. Facilities where personal care services are performed that, by their very nature, result in noncompliance with social distancing guidelines, including but not limited to beauty salons, hair braiding shops, nail salons, barber shops, cosmetology shops, spas, massage parlors, tanning salons and tattoo parlors. Exempted from this section are facilities that provide chiropractic services and physical therapy services.
3. Any local law, order, rule, or regulation inconsistent with this Order is hereby suspended.

This Order shall be effective and enforceable at 12:01 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, on Monday, March 30, 2020 and shall remain in effect until 12:01 a.m., Eastern Daylight Savings Time, on Monday, April, 13, 2020, at which time the suspension of any laws and rules and the other provisions of this Order shall cease and be of no further force or effect.

**SO RESOLVED AND ADOPTED** this 27th day of March, 2020.

**ATTEST:**

**WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA**



**REBECCA WOODEN, County Clerk**



**SHANNON K. WHITFIELD, Commissioner**