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EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 2020- 08
BY THE MAYOR

THAT RESTAURANTS AND CERTAIN OTHER PUBLIC ESTABLISHMENTS WITHIN THE CORPORATE JURISDICTIONAL LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, WHICH HAVE A TOTAL APPROVED OCCUPANCY OF 50 PERSONS OR MORE, SHOULD ACT RESPONSIBLY AND IN ALIGNMENT WITH THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL'S GUIDANCE, AND LIMIT THEIR MAXIMUM OCCUPANCY CAPACITIES TO NO MORE THAN 50 PERSONS.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2-182 of the Code of the City of Atlanta, the Mayor may issue executive orders which apply to events of short duration and which expire at the next meeting of the City Council subsequent thereof unless ratified by a majority vote of the members present and voting; and

WHEREAS, like much of the world the United States, the State of Georgia, and the City of Atlanta are currently responding to an outbreak of respiratory disease caused by a novel coronavirus named "SARS-CoV-2" and the disease it causes named "coronavirus disease 2019" (abbreviated "COVID-19"); and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020 the President of the United States announced a national emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, which included two emergency declarations: one under the National Emergencies Act and one under the Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act; and

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2020 Governor Brian Kemp signed a public health state of emergency to address the COVID-19 pandemic through assisting health and emergency management officials across Georgia by deploying all available resources for the mitigation and treatment of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control ("CDC") has issued guidance on the emerging and rapidly evolving situation of the COVID-19 pandemic, including how to protect oneself from this illness and how to reduce the spread thereof; and

WHEREAS, social distancing is recommended by the CDC to prevent the continued spreading of this illness in the community; and

WHEREAS, the CDC, recommends that for the next 8 weeks, organizers (whether groups or individuals) cancel or postpone in-person events that consist of 50 people or more throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the latest guidance of the CDC, the City of Los Angeles, California, the City of Seattle, Washington and the states of New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut have

imposed temporary restrictions on the operations of restaurants and eating and drinking establishments to stop large numbers of people from gathering and staying in close proximity; and


WHEREAS, cafeterias in hospitals, nursing homes, or similar facilities are not subject to these restrictions and are allowed to continue normal operations; and

WHEREAS, in order to further safeguard the City of Atlanta from further spread of COVID-19, it is my desire that except for cafeterias in hospitals, nursing homes, or similar facilities, public establishments such as bars and nightclubs, restaurants, and other eating and drinking establishments, gyms and fitness centers, movie theaters, live performance venues, bowling alleys, and arcades, and private social clubs, within the corporate jurisdictional limits of the City of Atlanta, which have a total approved occupancy of 50 persons or more, should act responsibly and in alignment with the CDC's guidance and reduce their maximum occupancy capacities to no more than 50 persons.

NOW THEREFORE, I, KEISHA LANCE BOTTOMS, AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, NOW HEREBY AUTHORIZE, ORDER AND DIRECT AS FOLLOWS:

In accordance with the authority granted pursuant to Section 2-182 of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances, and to further safeguard the City of Atlanta from further spread of COVID-19, that except for cafeterias in hospitals, nursing homes, or similar facilities, public establishments such as bars and nightclubs, restaurants, and other eating and drinking establishments, gyms and fitness centers, movie theaters, live performance venues, bowling alleys, and arcades, and private social clubs, within the corporate jurisdictional limits of the City of Atlanta, which have a total approved occupancy of 50 persons or more, should act responsibly and in alignment with the CDC's guidance and reduce their maximum occupancy capacities to no more than 50 persons.

This 16th day of March 2020.



Keisha Lance Bottoms, Mayor

ATTESTED:


Municipal Clerk

Foris Webb, III
Municipal Clerk