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**REVISED PROCLAMATION  
OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CARTERET COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TO THE PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY**

**OUTLINING THE DEFINITIONS OF ESSENTIAL ACTIVITIES, SOCIAL  
DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS, RESTRICTION ON THE OPERATION OF  
CERTAIN BUSINESSES, ESSENTIAL SERVICES, OUTDOOR SERVICES,  
MINIMUM BASIC OPERATIONS, AND ESSENTIAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, Carteret County declared a State of Emergency on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, among other things, the Declaration discouraged entry into our County by those who are not residents or property owners of the County, and further discouraged travel to our County at this time in the best interest of public safety; and

**WHEREAS**, since execution of the Declaration, residents of the County have tested positive for the COVID-19 virus and the number could potentially increase in the coming days; and

**WHEREAS**, it is essential to slow viral transmission as much as possible to protect the most vulnerable and to prevent the health care system from being overwhelmed; and

**WHEREAS**, Carteret County is amending the Proclamation of a State of Emergency as of 11:00 a.m. on March 27, 2020 in order to define essential activities, social distancing requirements, restriction on the operation of certain businesses, essential services, outdoor services, minimum basic operations, and essential Government services; and

**WHEREAS**, as stated above, this Proclamation is **NOT** placing any additional restrictions in place at this time, but only defining the terms shown above; and

**WHEREAS**, 166-A§ 166A-19.31 states that municipalities may enact similar measures within their municipal limits; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that this Proclamation is issued in accordance with, and incorporates by reference, the March 19, 2020 State of

Emergency declaration from Carteret County and the Proclamation of the State of Emergency issued by the Governor on March 10, 2020. This Amended Proclamation is adopted at 11:00 a.m. on the 27th day of March 2020:

#### **A. ESSENTIAL ACTIVITIES**

Essential activities shall be defined as follows:

1. **For health and safety.** To engage in activities or perform tasks essential to their health and safety of self, family, household, partners, or pets.
2. **For necessary supplies and services.** To obtain for themselves and their family or household members (or to deliver to others), necessary supplies such as groceries and food, household consumer products, items needed to work from home, and products needed to maintain the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences.
3. **For outdoor activity.** Provided compliance with Social Distancing, such as walking, hiking, golfing, cycling, or running.
4. **To take care of others.** To care for a family member, friend, or pet in another household, and to transport them as allowed.
5. **For certain types of work.** At Essential Businesses, or Essential Government Services, or performing Minimum Basic Operations as defined herein.
6. **For any other commerce or other business function that can be performed while practicing responsible social distancing.**

#### **B. SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS**

Social distancing shall be defined as follows:

Any person within the jurisdiction of Carteret County shall practice Social Distancing whenever outside their residence. For purposes of this Proclamation, Social Distancing includes maintaining at least six feet distance between individuals.

#### **C. RESTRICTION ON THE OPERATION OF CERTAIN BUSINESSES**

Restriction on the operation of certain businesses shall be defined as follows:

All businesses and operations in the jurisdiction of Carteret County, except Essential Businesses, are required to cease all activities within the County except to perform Minimum Basic Operations. "Business" means any for-profit, non-profit, regardless of the nature of the service or function they perform, or of the organization's corporate or entity structure. Minimum Basic Operations shall be dictated by the individual business

owner or manager in their efforts to ensure continuity to all extents reasonable and practical taking into account current social distancing practices.

Businesses may continue any operations consisting exclusively of employees or contractors performing activities at their own residences (i.e., working from home).

#### **D. ESSENTIAL SERVICES**

Essential services shall be defined as follows:

The following businesses are encouraged to operate and remain open to the public provided they enforce, to the greatest extent possible, Social Distancing of six feet between individuals and meet any other requirements within this Proclamation.

1. **CISA List.** All workers identified in the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) Memorandum on Identification of Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers during COVID-19 Response issued on March 19, 2020. Said list is incorporated by reference above.
2. **Stores that sell groceries or medicine.** Grocery stores, farmers' markets, farm and produce stands, food banks, convenience stores, and other establishments engaged in the retail sale of canned food, dry goods, fresh fruits and vegetables, pet supply, fresh meats, fish, and poultry, and any other household consumer products. This includes stores that sell groceries and also sell other non-grocery products, and products necessary to maintain the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences.
3. **Food Cultivation.** Farming, livestock, and fishing.
4. **Manufacturing.** Food processing, manufacturing agents, including all food and beverages, chemicals, medical equipment/instruments, pharmaceuticals, sanitary products, telecommunications, and electronics and other manufacturing businesses who can safely perform functions while maintaining Social Distancing.
5. **Organizations that provide charitable and social services.** Businesses that provide food, shelter, and social services, and other necessities of life for economically disadvantaged or otherwise needy individuals.
6. **Healthcare and public health operations.** Hospitals, medical clinics, dental and eye care clinics, etc. to avoid any impacts to delivery of healthcare, broadly defined. Does not include fitness and exercise gyms, spas, salons, barber shops, tattoo parlors, and similar facilities.
7. **Media.** Newspapers, television, radio, and other media services.

8. **Gas stations and businesses needed for transportation.** Retail and wholesale fuel (gas, diesel, fuel oil, LP) sales, vehicle supply and repair facilities, and vehicle sales.
9. **Financial and insurance institutions.**
10. **Hardware and supply stores.**
11. **Construction and trades.** Building and Construction Tradesmen and Tradeswomen, including but not limited to contractors, engineers, architects, surveyors, plumbers, electricians, exterminators, dredge and support services, cleaning and janitorial staff for commercial, residential, and governmental properties, security staff, operating engineers, HVAC, painting, moving and relocation services, building management and maintenance, and other service providers who provide services necessary to maintain the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences, Essential Activities, and Essential Businesses and Operations;
12. **Shipping, trucking, postal, freight, logistics, delivery, and pick-up services whether by air, land, or waterway and associated support functions to facilitate the movement of goods.**
13. **Educational institutions.** Public and Pre-K to 12 schools, colleges and universities for purposes of facilitating distance learning, performing critical research, or performing essential functions - provided that Social Distancing is maintained to the extent possible.
14. **Laundry services.** Laundromats and laundry service providers.
15. **Restaurants for consumption off-premises.** Restaurants and other facilities that prepare and serve food, but only for delivery or carry out.
16. **Services and supplies for Essential Businesses, Essential Government Services, or Minimal Basic Operations.** Businesses that sell, manufacture, or supply support or materials needed to enable Essential Businesses, Essential Government Services, or Minimal Basic Operations.
17. **Direct Delivery.** Businesses that ship or deliver groceries, food, goods or services directly to residences.
18. **Transportation.** Airports, airlines, taxis, transportation network providers (such as Uber or Lyft), marinas, docks, ports, boat storage, and other private, public, and commercial transportation and logistics providers necessary for Essential Activities described above.
19. **Home-based care and services.** For adults, seniors, children, and/or people with disabilities, substance abuse, and/or mental illness, including caregivers such as

nannies who may travel to the child's home and other in-home services such as meal delivery.

20. **Residential facilities or shelters.** For adults, seniors, children, pets, and/or people with disabilities, substance abuse, and/or mental illness.
21. **Professional services.** Professional services such as legal services, accounting services, insurance services, property management and maintenance, real estate transactions and services, including but not limited to real estate brokerage services, appraisal and title services.
22. **Childcare facilities.**
23. **Hotels and motels.** To the extent used for lodging for non-leisure travel and delivery or carry-out food services.
24. **Funeral services.** Funeral, mortuary, cremation, burial, cemetery, and related services.
25. **Solid Waste.** Waste removal, and recycling services to include County, municipal, and private solid waste sites and haulers.
26. **Financial institutions.** Bank, currency exchanges, consumer lenders, including but not limited to, credit unions, appraisers, title companies, financial markets, trading and futures exchanges, mortgage lenders, payday lenders, pawnbrokers, consumer installment lenders and sales finance lenders, affiliates of financial institutions, entities that issue bonds, related financial institutions, and institutions selling financial products;
27. **Functions that the Health Director deems in writing as essential services.**

All Essential Businesses and Operations are encouraged to remain open. To the greatest extent feasible, Essential Businesses and Operations shall comply with Social distancing Requirements as defined in this Proclamation, including by maintaining six feet social distancing for both employees and members of the public at all times, including, but not limited to, when customers are standing in line.

#### **E. OUTDOOR SERVICES**

Outdoor services shall be defined as follows:

Those businesses that operate primarily outdoors or in structures under construction (e.g., construction related contractors, lawn maintenance, boat repair or maintenance, etc.), golf courses, outdoor parks (excluding playgrounds) and consistently practice Social Distancing are permitted to operate as if they were an Essential Business.

**F. MINIMUM BASIC OPERATIONS**

Minimum basic operations shall be defined as follows:

Provided compliance with Social Distancing, any business may have staff present to perform the following Minimum Basic Operations. Minimum Basic Operations shall be dictated individually by the owner or manager of a business and construed by their judgement to include those they deem necessary to maintain continuity for their specific business.

1. Minimum activity needed to maintain value of business inventory, ensure security, process payroll and benefits, or for related functions.
2. Minimum activity needed to facilitate employees working from home.

**G. ESSENTIAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES**

Essential Government services shall be defined as follows:

Federal, State and Local Governments (including authorities, public school systems and ABC Commission) shall continue services classified as essential by the respective unit of Government.

Additional information and recommendations can be found on the County website: [www.carteretcountync.gov](http://www.carteretcountync.gov).

**DECLARED** this the 27th day of March 2020

  
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 William H. Smith, Chairman  
 Carteret County Board of Commissioners

**ATTEST:**

  
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 Rachel Hammer, Clerk to the Board

