

TOWN OF MAXTON

AMENDMENT TO THE PROCLAMATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Maxton, North Carolina, has duly adopted an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to determine and proclaim the existence of a state of emergency and to impose various restrictions after he determines that such restrictions are necessary as a response to an emergency.

WHEREAS, The North Carolina General Assembly has adopted Article 1A of Chapter 166A of the General Statutes, entitled "North Carolina Emergency Management Act" which sets forth the authority and responsibility of the Governor, State agencies, and local governments in prevention of, preparation for, response to, and recovery from natural or man-made emergencies; and

WHEREAS, N.C.G.S. 166A-19.22, which is part of the North Carolina Emergency Management Act, authorizes cities to declare a state of emergency under conditions and following procedures contained in N.C.G.S. 166A-19.22; and

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has created a state of emergency in the Town of Maxton; and

WHEREAS, scientific evidence and best practices regarding the most effective approaches to slow the transmission of the communicable diseases generally and COVID-19 particularly, and evidence that age, condition, and health of a significant portion of the population of the Town places the population of the Town at risk of serious health complications, including death from COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, subsequently, public health authorities at the local, state and national levels have urged citizens to stay home as a means of slowing or thwarting the spread of the virus; and

WHEREAS, many individuals who contract the COVID-19 virus display no symptoms or have mild symptoms which means they may not be aware they carry the virus. People without symptoms can transmit the disease and because evidence shows the disease is easily spread, mass gatherings can result in further transmissions of the virus; 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.

WHEREAS, in consideration of all available data related to the impacts of COVID-19 and the new Delta Variant in North Carolina and Robeson County, the undersigned has determined it is in the best interest of the Town to amend the Proclamation subject to the conditions set forth herein:

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority under Section 19.22 of Chapter 166.A of NCGS and the Proclamation of August 20, 2021, the provisions of this Amended Proclamation is incorporated herein with the following additional requirements:

Mask Mandate

- A. Face Covering Required in Public Places. The Board of Health enacts the following restriction on the operation of offices, business establishments, and other public places within North Carolina:
1. Individuals must wear Face Coverings when indoors in all businesses, establishments, and public places.
 2. All businesses, establishments, and public places must require that all persons wear Face Coverings when indoors on their premises.
- B. Exceptions. Face Coverings do not need to be worn by someone who:
1. Should not wear a face covering due to any medical or behavioral condition or disability (including, but not limited to: any person who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious or incapacitated, or is otherwise unable to put on or remove the face covering without assistance);
 2. Is under five (5) years of age;
 3. Is actively eating or drinking; is seeking to communicate with someone who is hearing-impaired in a way that requires the mouth to be visible;
 4. Is giving a speech for a broadcast or to an audience;
 5. Is working at home or is in a personal vehicle;
 6. Is temporarily removing his or her face covering to secure government or medical services or for identification purposes;
 7. Would be at risk from wearing a face covering at work, as determined by local, state, or federal regulations or workplace safety guidelines;
 8. Has found that his or her face covering is impeding visibility to operate equipment or a vehicle; or is a child whose parent, guardian, or responsible person has been unable to place the face covering safely on the child's face.
 9. Is giving a speech or performance for broadcast, or to an audience, where they maintain a distance of at least 20 feet from the audience;
 10. Is a child whose parent, guardian, or responsible person has been unable to place the Face Covering safely on the child's face;
 11. Is alone in an enclosed space, such as a room, office or vehicle; or
 12. Is in settings where it is not practical or feasible to wear a Face Covering, including when obtaining or rendering goods or services, such as the receipt of dental services or while swimming.

NOW THEREFORE I, Paul Davis, Mayor of the Town of Maxton, North Carolina Do Hereby Proclaim:

SECTION 1. The COVID-19 pandemic poses an imminent threat of, or existing conditions have caused or will cause, widespread or severe illness, or loss of life or business and therefore a State of Emergency exists in the Town of Maxton, North Carolina, on this 20th Day of August, 2021.

SECTION 2. That an emergency exists and restrictions set forth in the Proclamation are necessary in order to maintain an acceptable level of public order, service, and protection of lives, safety, and property during the emergency, and I hereby order all Town of Maxton officials and agencies to cooperate in the implementation of the provision of this Proclamation, recommendations from the North Carolina Department of health and Human Services.

SECTION 3. I further direct Angela Pitchford, Town Manager, or his designee, to seek assistance from all agencies of the United States Government as may be needed to meet the emergency needs and seek reimbursement for costs incurred by the Town in responding to this emergency.

SECTION 4. This Proclamation Amendment shall become effective at 8:00 PM on Tuesday, September 21, 2021, and shall remain in effect until, unless repealed, replaced or rescinded.

DECLARED this 21th Day of September, 2021

By: _____
Paul Davis, Mayor
Town of Maxton, North Carolina

ATTEST:

Michael Cousar, Clerk