



Town of Blowing Rock

1036 Main Street ★ Post Office Box 47 ★ Blowing Rock, NC 28605

CONSENT TO APPLICATION OF COUNTY STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION

WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) has been declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization, the Governor of North Carolina has declared a State of Emergency with imposed restrictions as delineated in Executive Order, and a case of COVID-19 has been presumptively confirmed positive within the borders of Watauga County; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the above-described incident, I have determined that there is an imminent threat of, or existing conditions have caused or will cause, widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property, and public safety authorities will be unable to maintain public order or afford adequate protection for lives or property; and

WHEREAS, the County of Watauga has declared a state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Blowing Rock is located within the County.

WHEREAS, To prepare for continuity of government during the COVID-19 incident, in the event the Mayor fails or ceases to act in his or her capacity due to illness, quarantine, or is otherwise unavailable for the conduct of necessary business, the Mayor hereby appoints the following, in the order named,

Shane Fox, the Town Manager,

who shall have full authority to act in the Mayor's stead including, but not limited to, the authority to impose additional emergency restrictions as deemed to be critical for life safety or incident stabilization by the AppHealthCare Director, Blowing Rock Fire and Rescue Chief, and/or the Town of Blowing Rock Chief of Police.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as the Mayor of the Town of Blowing Rock under Article 1A of Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes and Chapter 9, sections 9-1 through 9-7, of the Town of Blowing Rock Code of Ordinances:

Section 1. Pursuant to N.C.G.S. 166A-19.22(b)(2), the state of emergency declaration issued by Watauga County shall apply within the corporate limits of the Town of Blowing Rock.

Section 2. Emergency restrictions and prohibitions imposed pursuant to the County's state of emergency declaration shall apply with the Town of Blowing Rock unless otherwise declared below by an authorized municipal official on behalf of the Town of Blowing Rock.



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Additional Restriction(s):

Restricted Access: Effective immediately, all public held meetings will be suspended during the duration of this State of Emergency unless deemed essential by the Mayor. If a public meeting is deemed essential it will be conducted remotely. Instructions to the public on how to participate, will be posted on the Town of Blowing Rock website. These instructions will be posted with ample time for the public to participate remotely. Exceptions to this order includes public hearings and quasi-judicial proceedings that must be held in person, not remotely. All public hearings and quasi-judicial proceedings will be suspended during this State of Emergency due to public health concerns with public gatherings.

Section 3. Town operations: The Town Manager or his designee is hereby authorized to take all lawful actions necessary to manage the Town during this State of Emergency, including, without limitation, procuring goods and services necessary to manage this emergency including but not limited to the adjustment of hours, access, and operation of all Town Government operations, Town -owned facilities, parks, as deemed reasonably necessary to restrict the spread of COVID-19 and protect Town residents, the public and municipal employees.

Section 4. The application of the County's state of emergency declaration within the corporate limits of the Town of Blowing Rock shall remain in effect until further notice. This application of the County's state of emergency shall supersede the current Declaration in effect dated March 18th, 2020 and take effect on March 26th, 2020 at 12:00pm.



DECLARED this the March 26, 2020 at 12pm.

Charlie Sellers, Mayor

ATTEST:

Hilari H Hubner, Town Clerk