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The City Council passed a resolution on March 16, 2020 which allows the Mayor to declare emergency conditions and how to hold a public meeting during those conditions.

As a result, I have signed a Declaration of Emergency Conditions due to the COVID-19 outbreak which will allow the City Council and any board, commission, authority or committee to govern via teleconferencing *if needed*.

Our intention is to continue holding our City Council meetings at City Hall and livestreaming to the public as long as possible. However, in the event a Councilmember cannot attend in person and since the meeting requires a quorum of its members, this declaration permits a Councilmember to participate via teleconference.

The public can still attend the meeting to participate, however, due to the recommendation for social distancing and no more than ten people to gather at one time, we may need to limit the number of people in the meeting room. If you wish to make comments but prefer not to attend the meeting in person, you may submit your comments in writing via email to [beverly.banister@dawsonville-ga.gov](mailto:beverly.banister@dawsonville-ga.gov) by noon on the day of the meeting.

Please continue to follow all the recommendations by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the World Health Organization (WHO) to wash hands regularly, practice social distancing, avoid touching your face and stay home if you are not feeling well. If possible, please support our local restaurants who are offering curbside take-out and/or delivery services and keep in mind our seniors, emergency response personnel, truckdrivers, grocery store workers and healthcare workers as we go through this unprecedented time in our country.

Please feel free to contact City Hall at (706) 265-3256 if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Mayor Mike Eason  
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## DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY CONDITIONS

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 provides for the ability to conduct meetings of the Governing Authority of The City of Dawsonville via teleconference under emergency conditions involving public safety or the preservation of property or public services;

WHEREAS, the City of Dawsonville has adopted a Resolution which provides for the mechanism of declaring emergency conditions exist and how to hold public meetings during those conditions;

AND WHEREAS, the first step to invoke the power to conduct a meeting via teleconference under emergency conditions is to have a written declaration of such emergency conditions;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mike Eason, Mayor of the City of Dawsonville, hereby declare as follows:

**Emergency conditions exist at present in the City of Dawsonville which involve public safety, the preservation of property, public services, or other such emergent conditions such that it is necessary for the Governing Authority of the City of Dawsonville to meet via teleconference. The nature of these present emergency conditions is the rapid spread of COVID-19 in and around the greater Dawsonville community and area, and throughout the State of Georgia and the United States as a whole. It is in the interest of public safety that the City of Dawsonville conduct its meetings via teleconference until these emergency conditions pass. The City Manager of the City of Dawsonville is instructed and empowered to take actions pursuant to the Resolution of the City of Dawsonville concerning emergency condition meetings via teleconference to allow members of the Governing Authority to participate via teleconference, and for the public to have simultaneous access to such meetings. I further declare that any board, commission, authority, or committee of the City of Dawsonville may likewise utilize these methods to carry out their essential functions until the emergency conditions have passed.**

The Clerk of the City of Dawsonville is to record this Declaration in the records of the City of Dawsonville as soon as practicable.

SO DECLARED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

MAYOR OF DAWSONVILLE, GEORIGIA

By: 

Mike Eason, Mayor