

MINUTES
DAWSONVILLE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED EMERGENCY MEETING
HELD VIA TELECONFERENCE
Monday, March 30, 2020
4:00 P.M.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Mike Eason called the meeting to order at 4:03 pm.
2. **ROLL CALL:** Present were Councilmember John Walden, Councilmember Mark French, Councilmember Stephen Tolson, Councilmember Caleb Phillips, City Clerk Beverly Banister and City Attorney Dana Miles.
3. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:** Invocation and Pledge were led by Councilmember Tolson.
4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Mayor Eason reported we are livestreaming this meeting via Facebook and the video will be available on YouTube. He also stated we are adhering to the State and Federal COVID-19 guidelines. Information is on our website to report any noted violations to the State Health Department. He asked for citizens to send a chat request to Beverly Banister during the meeting if they would like to speak during the public input section of the meeting.
5. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Motion to approve the agenda as presented made by S. Tolson; second by M. French. Vote carried unanimously in favor.
6. **PUBLIC INPUT:** No comments from the public.

BUSINESS


7. **RATIFICATION AND PROPOSED CONTINUATION OF EXECUTIVE ORDER #2020-01:** Attorney Miles provided a short summary of the executive order.

Motion to approve ratification of Executive Order 2020-01 signed by Mayor Eason on March 27, 2020 and to approve the continuation of the order until the end of Governor Kemp's Declaration of Emergency made by S. Tolson; second by C. Phillips. Vote carried unanimously in favor. (Exhibit "A")

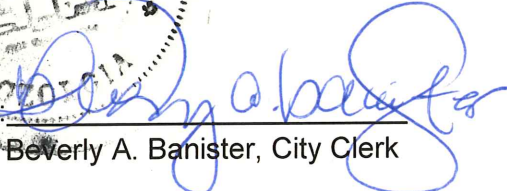
ADJOURNMENT:

At 4:14 p.m. a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by S. Tolson; second by M. French. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

By: CITY OF DAWSONVILLE



Mike Eason, Mayor


Attested: 
Beverly A. Banister, City Clerk

EXECUTIVE ORDER #2020-01

ORDER OF THE CITY OF DAWSONVILLE MAYOR IMPLEMENTING LOCAL EMERGENCY MEASURES AUTHORIZING "TAKE OUT" OR "TO-GO" SALES OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Governor Brian Kemp, following President Donald Trump's national emergency declaration, declared a public health emergency in Georgia effective on March 14, 2020, to deploy all available resources for the mitigation and treatment of the novel coronavirus disease 2019 ("COVID-19"); and

WHEREAS, due to this worldwide epidemic, the City of Dawsonville, Georgia has experienced an event of critical significance locally as a result of COVID-19 and has issued a Declaration of Emergency Conditions as signed by Mayor Mike Eason on March 18, 2020; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the City of Dawsonville Code of Ordinances ("Code"), Chapter 9, Section 9-1 (Civil Emergencies) following a declaration of emergency and during the continuance of such state of emergency, the Mayor is empowered to do any and all acts necessary and incidental to the preservation of the lives, health, and property of the citizenry of the city.; and

WHEREAS, there exist emergency circumstances throughout the City requiring extraordinary and immediate corrective actions for the protection of the health, safety property and welfare of the citizens of the City and Dawson County; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the COVID-19 pandemic has had and will continue to have a profound impact on the restaurant and hospitality industry, particularly restaurants that emphasize table service and related on-premises consumption of alcohol; and

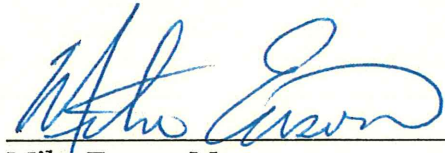
WHEREAS, reasonable emergency measures may be instituted to mitigate such impact and to allow table service restaurants to engage in a "take out" or "to-go" model of food and beverage services (including alcoholic beverages).

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me by local and state law, the following emergency measures are hereby **ORDERED**, as follows:

1. Under normal circumstances, in those instances where both on-premise consumption of alcoholic beverages and package alcohol sales are allowed, two separate permits are required.
2. Table service restaurants with existing and valid on-premise consumption permit (e.g., alcohol by the drink permit), and which do not already have a separate permit permitting package sales, are hereby authorized and permitted to engage in "take out" or "to go" package sales of wine and/or malt beverages.


3. Any wine or malt beverage container that is sold as a "take out" or "to go" package sale shall be unopened. Growler fills shall be allowed and sealed as required by state law.
4. Each order of alcohol sold as a "take out" or "to go" package sale shall be limited to six (6) malt beverages and two (2) bottles of wine and may only be sold in conjunction with a food order of equal or greater value than the alcohol order (i.e., no alcohol-only sales).
5. Local laws, Code provisions or regulations prescribing procedures for conduct of City business, including applicable provisions of the City Code on Alcoholic Beverages, are hereby suspended and waived to the extent that such laws, Code provisions or regulations require applications to be filed or fees to be paid for the authorizations and permits granted hereunder.
6. All applicable State laws, rules and regulations will continue to apply including but not limited to time and day restrictions, age restrictions, and distance restrictions related to the sale of alcoholic beverages.
7. This Order shall remain in effect for so long as the statewide or City declaration of emergency conditions remains in effect or until this Order is terminated by action of the Mayor and Council whichever shall occur first.

SO ORDERED, this the 27th day of March, 2020.



Mike Eason, Mayor

Attest:


Beverly A. Banister, City Clerk