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## **Peachtree Corners Orders Certain Businesses to Close Temporarily**

**PEACHTREE CORNERS, GA, March 25, 2020** -- In an emergency-called meeting at 3 p.m. today, the Peachtree Corners Mayor and City Council voted unanimously to pass an Emergency Ordinance calling for certain actions deemed necessary or appropriate for the public health and safety of its residents.

The ordinance requires the temporarily closure of certain establishments where the public gathers and where social distancing recommendations cannot be maintained. This will help slow the spread of the highly contagious coronavirus, and is in place for the protection and safety of all who live and work in the city.

The restrictions outlined below are in keeping with the Order issued on March 25, 2020 from Gwinnett County. All cities in Gwinnett County plan to adopt these restrictions.

This Ordinance will be enforced by the Gwinnett County Police Department and the City's Code Enforcement Department.

The Emergency Ordinance declares that:

- All gyms, fitness centers, fitness studios, theaters, live performance venues, bowling alleys, arcades and other similar establishments within Peachtree Corners be temporarily closed.
- Restaurants, brewpubs, breweries, and other eating establishments in Peachtree Corners are to cease offering dine-in and/or outdoor/patio service. Such eating establishments may continue to prepare and offer food to customers through delivery, takeout, and/or drive-thru service.
- Cafeterias or on-site dining services in hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living facilities and other similar facilities within city limits following previously issued state and federal public health guidelines are not subject to closure requirements of this Order.
- If a business is licensed by the City to sell alcohol for on-premises consumption, such business, during the efficacy of this Ordinance only, shall be authorized to sell unopened

bottles, or otherwise appropriately sealed containers, of alcohol for take-away for consumption off-premises. Any alcohol licensee who engages in a course of conduct permitted under this section does so at the licensee's own peril as it concerns the licensee's state liquor license. This ordinance makes no representation as to the legality, under state law and state alcohol licenses, of any course of conduct undertaken pursuant to this section.

- All employers and businesses which remain open for use by the public must take the necessary steps to restrict in-person contact and maintain a distance of six (6) feet between individuals while in the establishment.
- The Governor's Executive Order No. 03.23.20.01 is hereby incorporated by reference herein, such that:
  - a. All persons ordered by the Department of Public Health to isolate, quarantine, or shelter in place within their homes or place of residence shall comply with such executive order or administrative order. In accordance with the Governor's executive, the following populations are specifically included:
    - i. Those persons who live in a nursing home or long-term care facility;
    - ii. Those persons who have chronic lung disease;
    - iii. Those persons who are currently undergoing cancer treatment; and
    - iv. Those persons included in any Department of Public Health Administrative Order.
  - b. All businesses which possess a license to operate as or otherwise meet the definition of "bar" as defined in Official Code of Georgia Section 3-1-2(2.1) shall cease operation.
  - c. No business, establishment, corporation, non-profit, corporation, or organization shall allow more than ten (10) persons to be gathered at a single location if such gathering requires persons to stand or to be seated within six (6) feet of any other person.

These restrictions became effective today, March 25 at 3:15 p.m. at the conclusion of the emergency-called city council meeting and are set to expire on April 21 unless extended by the Mayor and Council.

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