## CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA

## PROCLAMATION OF CIVIL EMERGENCY PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 9, ARTICLE II OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA

WHEREAS, the virus commonly known as COVID-19 has created major life threating health concerns throughout the world; AND,

WHEREAS, such virus is now present within the State of South Carolina; AND,

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has declared a State of Emergency throughout the Country, with the Governor of the State of South Carolina declaring a State of Emergency within the State; AND,

WHEREAS, the City of North Augusta acknowledges the potential threat of this disease on the health of its citizens and residents of the City of North Augusta; AND,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 9, Article II Section 9-20 through 9-26, the Municipal Code addresses circumstances such as the City is now encountering; AND,

WHEREAS, such code Section 9-21 (A) provides that; "the Mayor is hereby empowered to issue a Public Proclamation declaring to all persons the existence of such a State of Emergency, "; AND,

WHEREAS, Said Article II further provides for the issuance of protective restrictions by the Mayor in accordance with Section 9-22; AND,

WHEREAS, the Mayor has determined that it is in the best interest of the citizens and residents of the City of North Augusta that he declare that this State of Civil Emergency exists within the City, to allow for the enforcement of the restrictions as specified in Section 9-22, as may be applicable.

Now, THEREFORE, be it proclaimed by the Mayor of the City of North Augusta, that a State of Civil Emergency exists in the City of North Augusta and, in accordance with Chapter 9 Article II that such appropriate restrictions as would be determined beneficial to avoid the spread of the COVID-19 virus may be instituted by direction of the Mayor to the appropriate regulating departments.

As a result of the inability by medical professionals to establish a timeline for this COVID-19 virus emergency situation to end, this Proclamation shall continue in effect until the Mayor would proclaim the end of such State of Emergency or when the Council shall determine that such State of Emergency has ended.

PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA

THIS 2<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF April , 2020, AT NORTH AUGUSTA, SOUTH CAROLINA.

Robert A. Pettit, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sharon Lamar, City Clerk