



Office of the Mayor
City of Kennesaw
Derek Easterling, Mayor

STATE OF EMERGENCY

- WHEREAS,** the City of Kennesaw, Georgia has experienced an event of critical significance as a result of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic; and
- WHEREAS,** As a result of the continued impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has renewed the January 31, 2020 determination that a public health emergency has existed since January 27, 2020, nationwide. As such, the public health state of emergency will remain in effect until January 13, 2022.
- WHEREAS,** on 26 November 2021, the World Health Organization designated the variant B.1.1.529 a variant of concern, named Omicron. As such, communities are asked to continue to implement the effective public health measures to reduce COVID-19 circulation overall.
- WHEREAS,** Individuals are reminded to take measures to reduce their risk of COVID-19, including proven public health and social measures such as wearing well-fitting masks, hand hygiene, physical distancing, improving ventilation of indoor spaces, avoiding crowded spaces, and getting vaccinated.
- WHEREAS,** the Kennesaw Code of Ordinances, Sec. 34-2 grants the power to declare a state of emergency to protect the safety, health, and welfare of the public; and
- WHEREAS,** in the judgment of the Mayor of the City of Kennesaw there exist emergency circumstances located in the City of Kennesaw requiring extraordinary and immediate corrective actions for the protection of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Kennesaw; and
- WHEREAS,** to prevent or minimize injury to people and damage to property resulting from this event;
- NOW, THEREFORE,** pursuant to the authority vested in local and state law;



IT IS HEREBY DECLARED that a local state of emergency exists and shall continue until the conditions requiring said declaration are abated.

WHEREFORE IT IS ORDERED: The City of Kennesaw Emergency Management Agency activates the City Emergency Operation Plan; and

- (1) The City of Kennesaw Emergency Operations Plan is activated;
- (2) The City of Kennesaw Emergency Management Agency activates the City Emergency Operation Plan; and
- (3) This declaration of an emergency shall continue until the Mayor finds that the emergency conditions no longer exists, at which time the Mayor shall execute and file with the City Clerk a document marking the end of the state of emergency. No state of emergency shall continue for longer than 30 days, unless renewed by the Mayor. The City Council may, by resolution, end a state of emergency at any time. See, Sec. 34-2(a)(3).

ENTERED at 11:20 P.M. on the 28TH day of DECEMBER, 2021.


Derek Easterling
Mayor of the City of Kennesaw

