

PROCLAMATION No. 2020-02

CITY OF CHESTER EMERGENCY CURFEW

*In accordance with the State of Emergency Established by Governor McMaster, this is an
Emergency Proclamation Declaring an Emergency Curfew for the City of Chester*

- WHEREAS,** it is well recognized that SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), presents a public health concern that requires extraordinary protective measures; and
- WHEREAS,** on Friday, March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of South Carolina, Henry McMaster, declared a State of Emergency due to Coronavirus; and
- WHEREAS,** on March 21, 2020, Governor Henry McMaster issued Executive Order No. 2020-12 for Regulatory Flexibility to Facilitate “Social Distancing”; and
- WHEREAS,** on March 23, 2020, the Governor of the State of South Carolina, Henry McMaster, issued Executive Order No. 2020-13, authorizing and directing law enforcement officers of the State, or any political subdivision thereof, to, inter alia, prohibit or disperse any congregation or gathering of people, unless authorized or in their homes, in groups of three (3) or more people, if any such law enforcement official determines, in their discretion, that any such congregation or gathering of people poses, or could pose, a threat to public health; and
- WHEREAS,** as of April 4, 2020, there are 1,917 positive cases of Coronavirus and 12 deaths in all 46 counties of the State of South Carolina; and
- WHEREAS,** as of April 4, 2020, there are 12 positive cases of Coronavirus in Chester County
- WHEREAS,** pursuant to Section 2-246 of the Code of Ordinances of Chester, South Carolina, in the event of a State of Emergency, the Mayor is authorized and empowered to issue public proclamation declaring the existence of a state of emergency, defining a curfew in areas and at times specifically designated in the declaration, and exempting essential health and safety personnel; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2-5 of the Code of Ordinances of Chester, South Carolina, the Mayor shall have the power to declare a state of emergency and impose a curfew pursuant to Article VI of this Chapter 2 of the City of Chester Code of Ordinances; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor this 5th day of April 2020 that an Emergency Curfew is hereby declared for the City of Chester; and

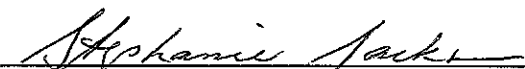
BE IT IMPOSED, that a daily curfew is hereby established beginning Sunday, April 5, 2020, restricting travel and public gatherings from 11:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m. except for persons traveling to and from work and for healthcare; and,

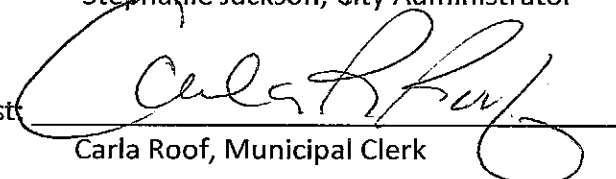
BE IT FURTHER IMPOSED, that during the curfew, the following persons are exempted and free to travel to carry out their duties: police officers, firefighters, active duty military, health care providers, and public works and utility workers employed by any public utility, the City of Chester, the County of Chester, the State of South Carolina, and the United States of America.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wanda Y. Stringfellow, Mayor of the City of Chester, do hereby proclaim to all citizens that the City of Chester is in a State of Emergency declared on March 13, 2020 by the Governor of South Carolina and that on April 5, 2020, the City of Chester is under an Emergency Curfew. All citizens are hereby required to adhere to these curfew hours of 11:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m. This curfew shall expire with the expiration of the State of Emergency declared by Governor McMaster.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Chester to be affixed this 5th day of April 2020.


Mayor Wanda Y. Stringfellow

Attest: 
Stephanie Jackson, City Administrator

Attest: 
Carla Roof, Municipal Clerk