



Forsyth County Board of Commissioners


Forsyth County Chair Exercise of Emergency Powers Pursuant to a Declaration of Local Emergency issued March 18, 2020

Date: March 20, 2020

Pursuant to that authority vested in me by Chapter 26 of the Forsyth County Code of Enforces, as well as the Declaration(s) of Statewide Emergency and Local Emergency issued to address the COVID-19 pandemic, I hereby find that temporary suspension of the following ordinances, resolutions, orders, rules or regulations of Forsyth County pertaining to the conduct of county business is necessary, as strict compliance with same prevents, hinders, and delays necessary action in coping the COVID-19 emergency and suspending same will promote and secure the safety and protection of the civilian population:

1. **Forsyth County Collection Centers:** The County will temporarily suspend collecting fees for trash (50 cents per bag) and otherwise not collect electronics, paint, tires and batteries. These activities normally require human contact and are hereby suspended.
2. **Drug testing:** Forsyth County will temporarily suspend random drug testing; and will otherwise temporarily suspend post-accident drug testing unless such post-accident testing is believed, in the determination of the Risk Manager, to be absolutely necessary to safeguard the liability and future risk exposure of the County. Drug testing that is not critically required consumes the limited resources of our public health testing facilities.
3. **Lifting of Suspension.** The suspensions set forth above will expire upon the earliest of (1) termination of the Statewide and Locally declared emergency, (2) and Order of lifting by the Chair, or (3) termination by the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners.

So Ordered, this 20th day of March, 2020.



Laura Semanson, Chair
Forsyth County Board of Commissioners

cc: Forsyth County Board of Commissioners
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