

**EXECUTIVE ORDER  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF POWDER SPRINGS**



**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2022-002**

**AN EXECUTIVE ORDER OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF POWDER SPRINGS RENEWING HIS DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY AND IMPOSING CERTAIN CONDITIONS AS A RESULT OF THE CURRENT DECLARED STATE OF EMERGENCY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Powder Springs, Cobb County, the state of Georgia and the United States have experienced an event of critical significance as a result of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic in 2020, with its effects continuing and vaccination rates remaining low; and

**WHEREAS**, as of February 6, 2022, 63.9% of Georgians have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, while only 53.1% are fully vaccinated, and while the percentages in Cobb County are better at 65.20% and 59.85% respectively and cases have decreased recently, the rate of transmission in Cobb County remains very high; and

**WHEREAS**, the City will continue to do its part to increase vaccine rates by continuing to partner with Cobb & Douglas Public Health through offering free COVID-19 vaccinations; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Code of Ordinances, the Mayor is vested with the power to declare an emergency until the conditions requiring the declaration are abated, and to implement local emergency measures to protect life and property, or to bring the emergency situation under control; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor did previously issue a Declaration of Emergency relative to the COVID-19 pandemic after which the Governor of the State of Georgia issued a series of Executive Orders providing for measures to be observed statewide in response to such public health emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, in the informed judgment of the Mayor, there continue to exist emergency circumstances throughout the City as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic warranting a renewed Declaration of Emergency and requiring extraordinary and immediate corrective actions for the protection of the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City of Powder Springs, Cobb County, Georgia; and

**WHEREAS**, a critical component of the public response to the COVID-19 pandemic is to wear masks and practice “social distancing” by minimizing contact between people residing in different households as much as possible;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, pursuant to the authority vested in me by local and state law;

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

**WHEREFORE**, I hereby issue the following Executive Order:

#### SECTION ONE

The declaration of emergency includes the implementation of Powder Springs Code Sections 19-1 through 19-7, inclusive.

#### SECTION TWO

Beginning on February 19, 2022 at 12:01 am and continuing for thirty (30) days, unless renewed or until terminated, revoked or amended by subsequent action, the following restrictions, made pursuant to the Mayor's authority shall be imposed in the City:

- Any person showing symptoms recognized by the CDC as indicators of COVID-19 shall refrain from entering public buildings, restaurants, shops, other businesses, public transportation facilities and all other areas where the public ingresses or egresses. Such person should seek medical attention and follow the directions of their Primary Care Physician until given the clearance to return to public interaction.
- All individuals in public places must maintain and restrict in person contact as much as possible and maintain distance between individuals, and all individuals entering city facilities shall wear a mask.
- All public meetings of the City of Powder Springs and its boards, commissions and committees may be conducted by way of teleconference pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. §50-14-1 (g) via Zoom or similar platform as well as in-person, subject to social distancing, masks and screening protocols of each attendee.

#### SECTION THREE

This Executive Order shall be effective immediately and shall remain in effect only for the time allowable under the Code of Ordinances, and it is not intended to, and does not, create any right, benefit, claim, cause of action, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the City of Powder Springs, its departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents, or any other person.

**SO ORDERED** this 7th day of February, 2022.



Al Thurman, Mayor, City of Powder Springs, Cobb County, Georgia