

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF BALDWIN

**A THIRD EMERGENCY DECLARATION BY THE BALDWIN COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS,
TO PROVIDE FOR THE HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE OF THE GENERAL
PUBLIC**

WHEREAS, the duly elected governing authority of Baldwin County, Georgia is the Baldwin County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the governing authority is empowered to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of the residents, employees, businesses, and visitors within the County; and

WHEREAS, the Chairman of the Baldwin County Board of Commissioners is authorized by the local Emergency Management Ordinance to issue and declare a local state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, the spread of the COVID-19 virus has been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization ("WHO"); and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control ("CDC") has recommended the public avoid gatherings of ten (10) people or more; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has declared the spread of COVID-19 a national emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of Georgia has declared the spread of COVID-19 a public health emergency in the state; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of Georgia has issued Executive Orders on March 14, 2020 up to and including April 30, 2020, declaring a public health state of emergency. The most recent Executive Order of the Governor extends the state of emergency period through June 12, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Orders issued by the Governor of Georgia have overridden the previous Emergency Declarations issued by the Baldwin County Board of Commissioners, and

WHEREAS, the health, safety, and welfare of residents, businesses, employees, and visitors are the top priority of the governing authority; and

WHEREAS, the governing authority and staff have been closely monitoring the spread of COVID-19 and the associated guidance from medical professionals as well as state and federal government agencies to help stop the spread of the disease; and

WHEREAS, the governing authority believes it is necessary to provide further guidance regarding Baldwin County's response to this emergency and associated regulations; and

WHEREAS, the governing authority believes that due to the extensive spread of COVID-19, there continues to be a public health crisis in Baldwin County; and

WHEREAS, the governing authority is authorized to provide Emergency Declarations under State Law and Local Ordinance;

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY DECLARED that:

Section 1: Rescission of Previous Emergency Declaration Orders

In order to avoid conflict with the Executive Orders issued by the Governor of Georgia and to provide local clarification, the first and second declarations of a local public health state of emergency issued on March 22, 2020 and March 24, 2020 are hereby rescinded and replaced by this Third Emergency Declaration by the Baldwin County Board of Commissioners, to Provide for the Health, Safety, and Welfare of the General Public.

Section 2: Emergency Declaration

The Baldwin County Board of Commissioners continues to recognize and declare that a public health state of emergency exist in the County of Baldwin based on the global pandemic of Coronavirus/COVID-19 disease.

Section 3: Local Government Powers

The Baldwin County Board of Commissioners declares and orders that the following emergency powers be enacted:

1. That the Baldwin County Emergency Management Agency activate the Emergency Operation Plan.
2. That the following sections of the Baldwin County Code be implemented.

Section 4 Authority to Waive Procedures and Fee Structure

Section 5 Registration of Buildings and Repair Services (to be effective only if the Governor Declares a State of Emergency.

Section 6 Closed and Restricted Areas and Curfews.

Section 2 Emergency Management and Response Powers.

Section 4: Social Gatherings and Social Distancing

The Board of Commissioners requires that all residents of and visitors to Baldwin County adhere to the Executive Orders issued by the Governor and CDC guidelines related to public social gatherings.

Section 5: Adherence to State and Federal Recommendations

The Board of Commissioners further requires that, in addition to the foregoing, all individuals continue to adhere to Executive Orders issued by the Governor and

recommendations by State and Federal Officials and Agencies related to health and safety during this health emergency. It is specifically recommended that all citizens wear protective face masks while conducting any activity in public.

Section 6: Effective Dates

Unless otherwise stated herein, this Emergency Declaration shall be effective May 12, 2020 at 12:00 am. and shall continue until modified or repealed by a repealing Order.

Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to conflict with or contradict the Executive Orders issued by the Governor of the State of Georgia.

SO ORDERED AND ADOPTED by the Baldwin County Board of Commissioners, through its Chairman, Henry R. Craig, this 11th day of May, 2020.

Baldwin County Board of
Commissioners



Henry R. Craig, Chairman

Attest:

County Clerk