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**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
AN ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**

**AN ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER ORDERING THE CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER TO CONVENE AN ADVISORY COUNCIL COMPRISED OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM ORGANIZATIONS AND BUSINESSES IN THE CITY OF ATLANTA TO ADVISE THE MAYOR OF ATLANTA ON THE MEASURES NECESSARY TO BE IN PLACE AND THE STEPS TO BE TAKEN TO END THE MAYOR'S STAY AT HOME ORDER ISSUED PURSUANT TO THE MAYOR'S EMERGENCY POWERS UNDER SECTION 2-181 OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA CODE OF ORDINANCES, AND TO REOPEN THE CITY OF ATLANTA FOR BUSINESS, TOURISM, ENTERTAINMENT AND NIGHTLIFE, CONGREGATIONAL WORSHIP, LARGE GATHERINGS, AND ATHLETIC EVENTS; THIS ADVISORY COUNCIL WILL CONVENE TO DEVELOP A PLAN OF ACTION TO REOPEN THE ECONOMY AND SHALL PRESENT THEIR FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS TO MAYOR BOTTOMS BY NO LATER THAN MAY 15, 2020.**

**WHEREAS**, like much of the world the United States, the State of Georgia, and the City of Atlanta are currently responding to an outbreak of respiratory disease caused by a novel coronavirus named "SARS-CoV-2" and the disease it causes named "coronavirus disease 2019" (abbreviated "COVID-19"); and

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020 the President of the United States announced a national emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, which included two emergency declarations: one under the National Emergencies Act and one under the Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 14, 2020 Governor Brian Kemp signed a public health state of emergency to address the COVID-19 pandemic through assisting health and emergency management officials across Georgia by deploying all available resources for the mitigation and treatment of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, on March 15, I declared there to be an emergency in existence within the City of Atlanta pursuant to Section 2-181(a) of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances; and

**WHEREAS**, as of March 16, 2020, the CDC advised that all events in the United States of ten (10) or more people should be cancelled or held virtually; and

**WHEREAS**, the Center for Disease Control ("CDC") has issued guidance on the emerging and rapidly evolving situation of the COVID-19 pandemic, including how to protect oneself from this illness; and

**WHEREAS**, social distancing was recommended by the CDC to prevent the continued spreading of this illness in the community; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 22, 2020 twenty-four (24) infectious disease clinicians in Georgia signed onto an opinion that it is in their belief that there is little time to “flatten the curve” of the spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 23, 2020 I declared there to be the existence of an emergency within the City of Atlanta and issued a Stay at Home Order under my emergency powers and which I have reissued in accordance with Section 2-181 of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances no more than every 72 hours thereafter; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 2, 2020, Governor Brian Kemp signed an Executive Order to Ensure a Safe and Healthy Georgia (Governor’s Executive Order 04.02.20.01) to address the COVID-19 pandemic by implementing temporary actions necessary and appropriate to protect the health, safety, and welfare of Georgia’s residents and visitors, effective beginning at 6:00 P.M. on Friday, April 3, 2020 and expiring at 11:59 P.M. on Monday, April 13, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 8, 2020 Governor Kemp signed an Executive Order 04.08.20.02 extending the Governor’s Executive Order 04.02.20.01, such that it shall now expire on Thursday April 30, 2020 at 11:59 P.M.; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the Mayor and Governor’s emergency orders, the economy of the City of Atlanta has been largely shuttered; and

**WHEREAS**, in preparation for the reopening of the City of Atlanta’s economy, the Mayor wishes to receive advice and recommendations from representatives from organizations and businesses in the City of Atlanta concerning the measures necessary to be in place and the steps to be taken to end the Mayor’s emergency order, and to reopen the City of Atlanta for business, tourism, entertainment and nightlife, congregational worship, large gatherings, and athletic events; and

**WHEREAS**, this advisory council will consist of local civic and business leaders representing a variety of industries that can advise how best to safely reopen for business and how to have the local economy thrive in an environment affected by COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, this advisory council will recommend strategies for an eventual re-opening of the economy of the City of Atlanta economy; and

**WHEREAS**, this advisory council will convene to develop a plan of action to reopen the economy and shall present their final recommendations to Mayor Bottoms by no later than May 15, 2020.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BY THE POWER VESTED IN ME AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA**, pursuant to Section 3-104 of the City of Atlanta Charter and Section 2-182(4) of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances, it is hereby ordered that:

**SECTION 1:** The Chief Operating Officer shall convene an advisory council comprised of representatives from organizations and businesses in the City of Atlanta to advise the Mayor of Atlanta on the measures necessary to be in place and the steps to be taken to end the Mayor’s Stay at Home Order issued pursuant to the Mayor’s Emergency Powers under Section 2-181 of the City

of Atlanta Code of Ordinances, and to reopen the City of Atlanta for business, tourism, entertainment and nightlife, congregational worship, large gatherings, and athletic events.

**SECTION 2:**

- (a) The advisory council shall have the following Co-chairs: Joshua Williams, Chief Operating Officer for the City of Atlanta, Robbie Ashe, and Ingrid- Saunders Jones.
- (b) The advisory council shall consist of the designated representative from the following organizations and industries, among others as authorized by the Mayor:

- MARTA
- Atlanta Public Schools
- Atlanta Hartsfield Jackson International Airport
- The City of Atlanta's Chief Health Officer
- Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
- Grady Hospital
- Emory University
- Morehouse School of Medicine
- Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce
- Atlanta Business League
- Atlanta Committee for Progress
- Atlanta Hawks
- Atlanta Falcons/Atlanta United
- Atlanta Dream
- Atlanta University Center
- Board of Regents
- Representatives from the Restaurant Industry
- Representatives from Arts & Culture
- Representatives from the Faith Community
- Representatives of Small Businesses
- Representatives from Music, Film, and Entertainment
- Representatives from the Retail Industry
- Representatives from Communications and Cable Industries

**SECTION 3:** This advisory council shall convene to develop a plan of action to reopen the economy and shall present their final recommendations to Mayor Bottoms by no later than May 15, 2020.

**SO ORDERED** this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020.

  
Keisha Lance Bottoms, Mayor

ATTESTED:

  
Municipal Clerk

Foris Webb, III  
Municipal Clerk