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***DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY ADDENDUM TO ENDORSE STAY-AT-HOME RECOMMENDATIONS AND TO ENACT A PUBLIC SAFETY CURFEW (Daily 9PM-5AM) FROM MARCH 28, 2020 TO APRIL 18, 2020 IN AN EFFORT TO MITIGATE THREAT AND SPREAD OF COVID-19 DISEASE WITHIN THE CITY OF LEXINGTON, NC***

*WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Mayor of the City of Lexington, NC, authorized and empowered by the City of Lexington, Code of Ordinances, under Chapter 4, Emergency Management, Sec. 4.2, and the North Carolina General Statutes 166A-19.3 et. seq. and 166A-19.22, issued a public proclamation declaring the existence of a State of Emergency in the City of Lexington thereby taking immediate actions to combat the spread of COVID-19 and to ensure residents and visitors remain safe and unharmed; and*

*WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that has resulted in serious illness or death by the SARS-CoV-2 virus, and this new strain of coronavirus, previously unidentified in humans, is a pandemic that is highly contagious and can spread without warning from person to person; and*

*WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) has confirmed multiple instances of community spread of COVID-19 within the state and encourages steps to suppress the virus, such as social distancing which is deemed critical; and*

*WHEREAS, the Davidson County Health Department has confirmed multiple instances of community spread of COVID-19 within Davidson County, and local and state officials must use all preventative and mitigation measures to mitigate the spread of the life threatening disease; and*

*WHEREAS, based upon guidance from the national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the NCDHHS, additional actions must be taken immediately to ensure optimal mitigation of COVID-19 and residents continue to remain safe and unharmed; and*

*WHEREAS, by reducing the spread of the COVID-19 virus, this proclamation helps preserve critical and limited healthcare capacity; and*

*WHEREAS, the intent of this proclamation is to ensure the maximum number of people possible are kept well, while enabling essential services to continue, and to slow the spread of COVID-19 to the maximum extent possible;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that I, Newell Clark, Mayor of the City of Lexington, NC, pursuant to the authority vested in me under North Carolina General Statute (N.C.G.S.) § 166A-19.3 and Chapter 4 of the City of Lexington, NC, Code of Ordinances, hereby declare the need for the following additional preventative and mitigation measures:*



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1. *In anticipation of a statewide declaration by the N.C. Governor and/or a countywide declaration within Davidson County, immediately endorse Stay-At-Home directives and recommendations as suggested by the CDC, NCDHHS and neighboring communities; and*
2. *Declare a public safety curfew be imposed within the City of Lexington, NC daily from 9:00 p.m. until 5:00 a.m., beginning Saturday, March 28, 2020 at 9:00 p.m. through Saturday, April 18, 2020 at 12:00 midnight for all persons; and during such curfew, all persons except for those who are expressly exempt, shall not be or travel upon any public street, alley or roadway or upon public property, unless in search of medical assistance, food or other commodity or service necessary to sustain the well-being of him/herself or his/her family; and*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Declaration of a State of Emergency issued on March 16, 2020 is hereby reaffirmed and amended, and will continue, as set forth herein, within the jurisdiction of the City of Lexington, NC. This Declaration Addendum shall become effective on Saturday, March 28, 2020 at 9:00 p.m. through Saturday, April 18, 2020 at 12:00 midnight. This Declaration Addendum will be regularly reviewed and evaluated and may be revised, amended, extended accordingly, and based upon existing evidence and recommendations.*

*This the 27<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.*

*Newell Clark, Mayor*

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*Angel C. Lineberry, CME*  
Deputy City Clerk

