PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Governor Henry McMaster issued Executive Order No. 2020-08 related to 2019 Novel Coronavirus ("COVID-19") and declared that a State of Emergency exists in South Carolina;

WHEREAS, the City of Camden, South Carolina (the "City") is also compelled to declare a state of public emergency related to COVID-19.

WHEREAS, Section 91.01 of the City’s Code of Ordinances (the "Code") provides that "[a] state of public emergency shall be deemed to exist whenever during times, existing or threatening, of great public crisis, rioting, civil disturbance, or disorder, or for any reason of natural or manmade disaster or catastrophe, municipal public safety authorities are unable to maintain public order or afford adequate protection for lives, safety, health, welfare, or property";

WHEREAS, there is growing evidence of community spread of COVID-19 in the City and Kershaw County, South Carolina and such spread or threat of spread conforms to and meets the definition for a "State of Public Emergency" as described above;

WHEREAS, Section 91.02 of the Code permits the Mayor of the City to issue a public proclamation declaring to all persons the existence of a state of public emergency and to impose a curfew applicable to all persons within the jurisdiction of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor is further authorized and empowered by Section 91.02 to "limit the application of the curfew to any area specifically designated and described within the jurisdiction of the city and to specify hours or the day or night" wherein the curfew should be applicable.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Alfred Mae Drakeford, Mayor of the City of Camden, on the basis of the foregoing findings, do hereby proclaim as follows:

1. I declare a state of public emergency in the City due to COVID-19;

2. Due to the communal nature and virulent person to person spread of COVID-19, a curfew shall be put into effect Thursday, March 19, 2020 in the City; such curfew shall be applicable for between the hours of 10:00 p.m. until 5:00 a.m.
and shall apply City-wide. The following persons shall be exempted from the curfew: police officers, firefighters, doctors, nurses, emergency services personnel, health-care providers, and persons, or person's assisting persons, with life-threatening conditions and any persons designated as essential by the City and persons traveling to or from work, as required by their employer to include the performance of task outside of normal operating hours, such as sanitation, house-keeping, and stock preparation.

3. All City-owned facilities shall be closed for public-access. Reasonable accommodations shall be made in order to permit the continuation of the City's business via online service and limited physical interaction as necessary for the City to continue conducting its business and processing and collecting all fees, charges, taxes, utility bills and other amounts due and owing to the City;

4. Due to concerns over communal spread of COVID-19 within the workplace, it is strongly requested that (i) all employees, as applicable, for all businesses transition to remote, or work from home, work-model, and (ii) no social gatherings be held anywhere in the City;

5. The declared state of public emergency and the accompanying curfew shall exist until this proclamation is lifted or revised or subsequent action is taken by City Council of the City of Camden, as the governing body of the City; and

6. A meeting of City Council of the City of Camden, as the governing body of the City, shall be convened within twenty-four hours of this proclamation to ratify, confirm and potentially expand the authorizations herein.

DONE AND PROCLAIMED, this 19th day of March, 2020.

Attest:  
Brenda Davis, City Clerk

CITY OF CAMDEN, SOUTH CAROLINA

Alfred Mae Drakeford, Mayor