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An Administrative Order
Office of the Mayor
City of Atlanta

Administrative Order No. 2020- 05

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
AN ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**

AN ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER DIRECTING THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO REFRAIN FROM TAKING ANY ACTION TO ISSUE CITATIONS OR TO OTHERWISE IMPOSE PENALTIES AGAINST ANY INDIVIDUAL OR BUSINESS ENTITY SUBJECT TO TAXATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 30, ARTICLE III FOR DELINQUENCY ON ANY UNPAID TAX FOLLOWING THE APRIL 1, 2020 DEADLINE, FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED SIXTY DAYS FOLLOWING APRIL 1, 2020; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, our vision for One Atlanta centers around five Citywide goals focused on creating a safe, welcoming, and inclusive City; world-class employees, infrastructure and services; an ethical, transparent, and fiscally responsible government; thriving neighborhoods, communities, and businesses; and residents who are equipped for success; and

WHEREAS, the One Atlanta vision serves as the framework for creating a more Affordable, Equitable, and Resilient city; and

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, on March 14, the Georgia State Supreme Court declared a statewide judicial emergency for a period of thirty days; 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 is recommended by the CDC to prevent the continued spreading of this illness in the community; and

WHEREAS, the CDC, recommends that for the next 8 weeks, organizers (whether groups or individuals) cancel or postpone in-person events that consist of 50 people or more throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the outbreak many persons throughout the United States, including in the Metro Atlanta Area, have been confined to their homes in order self-quarantine or are engaging in social distancing to slow the spread of the COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the necessity of the engaging in critical social distancing measures, is likely to have adverse impacts on the revenue of many businesses within the City of Atlanta; and

WHEREAS, to help mitigate the negative impacts on those business entities which may experience negative impacts on revenue as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, I am hereby directing the Chief Financial Officer of the City of Atlanta to refrain from taking any action to issue citations or to otherwise impose penalties against any individual or business entity subject to taxation in accordance with Chapter 30, Article III for delinquency on any unpaid tax following the April 1, 2020 deadline, for a period not to exceed sixty days following April 1, 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 the Chief Financial Officer of the City of Atlanta shall refrain from taking any action to issue citations or to otherwise impose penalties against any individual or business entity subject to taxation in accordance with Chapter 30, Article III for delinquency on any unpaid tax following the April 1, 2020 deadline, for a period not to exceed sixty days following April 1, 2020.

SO ORDERED this 11th day of March, 2020.


Keisha Lance Bottoms, Mayor

ATTESTED:


Municipal Clerk

Foris Webb, III
Municipal Clerk