



WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death, this is a new strain of coronavirus previously unidentified in humans which can spread from person to person; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of North Carolina on March 10, 2020, issue Executive Order NO. 116 declaring a state of emergency to coordinate response and protective actions to prevent the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States of America issued a proclamation declaring COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic of sufficient severity and magnitude to declare a National Emergency on March 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, immediate attention is required to protect public health from the spread of the disease, reduce further mass gatherings, ensure public safety, and render emergency relief; and

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as the Mayor of the Town of Robbins under Article 1A of Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes and Chapter 35 of the Town of Robbins Code of Ordinances, I, Lonnie English, Mayor of the Town of Robbins, hereby declare that a State of Emergency exists within the Town of Robbins.

Section 1. Emergency Area Established. The emergency area covered by this state of emergency shall be the entire jurisdiction of the Town of Robbins.

Section 2. Implementation and Enforcement. I hereby order all Town of Robbins law enforcement officers and employees, all other emergency management personnel staff subject to our control to cooperate in the enforcement and implementation of the provisions of this declaration, all applicable local ordinances, state and federal laws.

Section 3. Designation of Authority. I hereby authorize the town manager of the Town of Robbins to take appropriate protective action – including implementing prohibitions, restrictions, evacuations, and curfews to maintain public order or to afford adequate protection for lives, safety or property as needed – and to take the actions listed below.

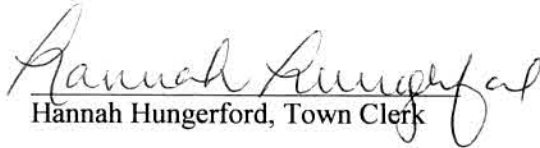
1. Town offices will be closed to the public effective March 18, 2020, until the state of emergency has been lifted or the Board of Commissioners takes action to reopen to the public. Assistance to customers will still be available via phone and email, where possible.
2. To reduce the spread of the virus water and sewer customers are asked to pay their bills by check or credit card via mail, phone, or drive thru window.
3. Temporarily suspend water disconnections for nonpayment of bills during the outbreak, until the state of emergency is lifted, or the Board of Commissioners takes action to end this grace period. This suspension does not reduce the amount owed to the Town, and customers are cautioned not to allow their payments to fall behind unnecessarily.
4. No public recreation spaces will be available for rental for rental use by groups or individuals.

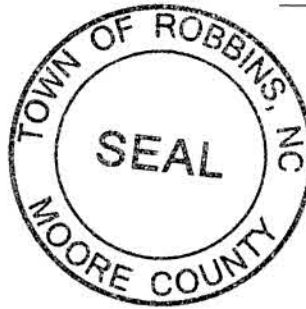
Section 4. Distribution. I hereby order this declaration: (a) to be distributed to the news media and other organizations calculated to bring its contents to the attention of the general public; (b) to be

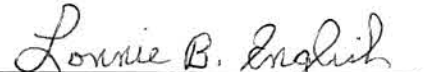
filed with Clerk to the Board of Commissioners of Robbins (c) to be distributed to others as necessary to ensure proper implementation of this declaration.

Section 5. Effective Date and Time. This declaration shall take effect immediately upon endorsement and shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded.

DECLARED this 18th Day of March 2020 at: 1:14 p.m.


Hannah Hungerford, Town Clerk




Lonnie B. English, Mayor
Town of Robbins