

## **Local Emergency Order 1-3**

**WHEREAS**, beginning in late 2019, the severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2, SARS-CoV-2, emerged causing a novel coronavirus disease, COVID-19, which has now become a worldwide pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 16, 2020, pursuant to my authority under the Gwinnett County Emergency Management Ordinance as Chairman of the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners, I signed a Declaration of Local Emergency activating certain emergency powers in order to allow the County to quickly and appropriately respond to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in and has the potential to cause further disruptions to resident and community affairs as well as changes to how governmental services are provided; and

**WHEREAS**, unincorporated Gwinnett County's residential solid waste haulers have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic through service changes, increased safety concerns, increased residential solid waste, and possible worker shortages; and

**WHEREAS**, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that municipal solid waste haulers and workers use engineering and administrative controls, safe work practices to protect workers from injuries and/or exposures to infectious materials; and

**WHEREAS**, these recommendations may require certain modifications to residential solid waste services to accommodate the recommendations and ensure essential residential solid waste services continue; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Gwinnett County's Emergency Management Ordinance and pursuant to my March 16 Declaration of Local Emergency, the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners has the ability to exercise such powers as may be deemed necessary to promote and secure the safety and protection of the civilian population during an emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, I believe that it is necessary to make certain temporary modifications and to prepare for other potential changes, if necessary, to the residential solid waste services provided within unincorporated Gwinnett County; and

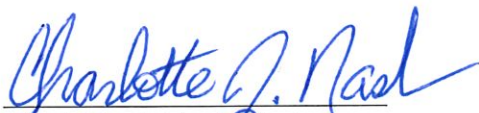
**WHEREAS**, I believe these modifications and the preparation for modifications are necessary to address the impacts of COVID-19 on residential solid waste services and to help slow the spread of COVID-19 in Gwinnett County in order to help protect the health and safety of the residents and businesses of Gwinnett County;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Chairman of the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners by local and state law;


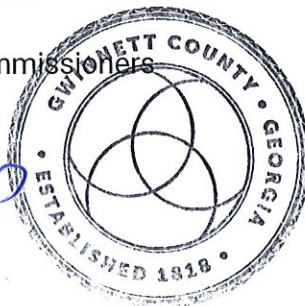
**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

- (1) Residential solid waste haulers shall only pick up bagged trash that has been placed inside the trash cart and recycling materials placed inside the recycling cart or bin. Any materials placed outside the cart will not be picked up.
- (2) Residents are strongly encouraged to place all trash and recycling in bags which have been tied before being placed in the carts to eliminate loose debris being left in containers or on the ground.
- (3) Bulky waste, white goods, and yard waste collections shall be temporarily suspended.
- (4) That should further modifications to any residential solid waste services be needed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic that the Chairman shall have authority to make such modifications based upon public health guidance and available resources. The public shall be provided notification of any such modifications
- (5) This Order shall be effective on March 25, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. and continue through April 7, 2020 at 11:59 p.m.

This 25<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020.

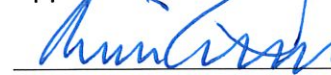


Charlotte J. Nash, Chairman  
Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners



Diane Kemp, County Clerk  
County Clerk

Approved as to Form:



Michael P. Ludwiczak  
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