PROCLAMATION
2020-01
By: LAURIE A. JADWIN, Mayor
City of Gahanna, Ohio

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death and can easily spread from person to person; and

WHEREAS, Governor Mike DeWine has issued Executive Order 2020-01D, declaring a State of Emergency in the State of Ohio as a necessary statewide preventive and proactive measure to slow the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Amy Acton, the Director of the Ohio Department of Health, has issued statewide Orders limiting or prohibiting gatherings and the closure of certain venues and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the spread of COVID-19 within the City of Gahanna would threaten to strain city resources and threaten the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Gahanna; and

WHEREAS, on March 22, 2020, Dr. Acton and Governor DeWine issued a Stay-At-Home Order, directing all non-essential employees to remain at home and restricting additional activities for Ohio residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, Gahanna City Council issued an emergency ordinance, ORD-033-2020, declaring a State of Emergency in the City of Gahanna and empowering the Mayor with extraordinary powers during the State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, additional measures are deemed necessary, above and beyond those instituted by the State and Federal government, in order to help slow the outbreak of COVID-19 in our community and to expedite actions deemed necessary to protect our residents; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laurie A. Jadwin, Mayor of the City of Gahanna, Ohio, as a result of the above-noted conditions, and pursuant to Emergency Declaration
Ordinance (ORD-033-2020) and the emergency powers granted pursuant to Section 131.01 of the Gahanna City Code, do hereby Proclaim and ORDER the following restrictions and permissions within the City of Gahanna:

1. Any services identified in the Gahanna City Code that require city personnel to enter into homes or occupied buildings for inspection or enforcement provisions (other than for public safety reasons) will be suspended as needed to protect the health and welfare of the residents and staff of the City of Gahanna. Code Enforcement complaints will continue to be accepted and processed.

2. Certain provisions of Chapter 1165 of the Codified Ordinances are suspended to allow “temporary signage” (as defined in Chapter 1165) at commercial establishments to promote that they remain open or to advertise what services are currently being provided to the public.

3. Certain provisions of the Codified Ordinances related to the inspection of the construction and installation of residential fences, decks and temporary structures will be suspended as needed to protect the health and welfare of residents and staff of the City of Gahanna. All other provisions of the Codified Ordinances regarding these structures remain in effect. Permits still will be required and will be accepted and processed.

4. City of Gahanna park buildings, shelter houses, park restrooms, basketball and tennis courts, golf course and playgrounds shall be closed. Public parks and trails shall remain open for outdoor activity by the public, provided that individuals comply with state-mandated social distancing requirements. Group activities that have the potential to increase the spread of COVID-19 due to an inability to comply with state-mandated social distancing requirements are prohibited.

5. The Mayor may issue Executive Orders to the Chief of Police to take such actions as may be necessary to preserve the peace, health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Gahanna.

6. All state and federal orders relating to the containment of COVID-19 shall be enforced pursuant to Chapter 131 of the Codified Ordinances.
7. These Orders are in conjunction with and supplemental to the Orders issued by Dr. Acton and Governor DeWine, and shall not be construed to modify or limit such authority, powers, duties and responsibilities of any officer or public official as may be provided by law.

8. This Proclamation shall take effect immediately and remain in full force and effect until the emergency no longer exists, such time to be determined by the Governor of the State of Ohio, the Director of Health of the State of Ohio, and the Executive Director of the Emergency Management Agency of the State of Ohio.

This Order shall be in full force and effect after my signature is affixed to this document.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, signed and sealed with the official seal of the City of Gahanna this 30th day of March, A.D., Two Thousand and Twenty at Gahanna, Ohio.

By:

Laurie A. Jadwin, Mayor