



# Town of Burgaw

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## PRESS RELEASE

Date 03/30/2020

For Immediate Release

### Town of Burgaw Declares State of Emergency

BURGAW, NC – Mayor Pete Cowan has declared a State of Emergency for the town effective at 5:00 PM today, March 30, 2020 due to the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19.

As a result of the pandemic, town officials have determined that there is an imminent threat of, or existing conditions have caused or will cause, widespread or severe dangers for the safety of the public. Officials urge citizens to continue taking precautions and adhere to state and local advisories in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In addition to Governor Cooper's Executive Order 121, the following changes for the town are also effective at 5:00 PM on Monday, March 30, 2020 until further notice:

- All town rental facilities are closed and rental reservation requests are suspended.
- All town playgrounds are closed.
- All public restrooms are closed.
- Green spaces and the walking trail remain open.
- Utility payments are accepted online, by phone, or drop box.
- Disconnections for non-payment have been suspended.
- Recycling and garbage service remain as usual.
- Town yard debris/white goods pick-up remain as usual.

Please visit our website to view the State of Emergency Declaration or for more information, updates and cancellations at <https://www.burgawnc.gov/>.

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Submitted by K. Wells, Town Clerk, Town of Burgaw

**TOWN OF BURGAW  
STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Burgaw is taking preemptive measures in light of the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the above-described pandemic, I have determined that there is an imminent threat of, or existing conditions have caused or will cause, widespread or severe dangers for the safety of the public, and that authorities will be unable to maintain public order or afford adequate protection for lives; and

**WHEREAS**, declaring a State of Emergency and imposing the restrictions and prohibitions ordered herein is necessary to maintain order and protect public health, safety, and welfare.

**NOW THEREFORE**, pursuant to the authority vested in me as the Mayor of the Town of Burgaw and pursuant to the Town of Burgaw Code of Ordinances, Chapter 12, Article II, Section 12-32, I have determined that a State of Emergency, as defined in Town Code Chapter 12, Article II State of Emergency Section 12-31 exists and do hereby declare a State of Emergency in the Town of Burgaw.

**Section 1.** I hereby order all Town of Burgaw law enforcement officers and employees and all other emergency management personnel 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, and the Town of Burgaw Emergency Operations Plan.

**Section 2.** 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 the Town Clerk and (c) to be distributed to others as necessary to ensure proper implementation of this declaration.

**Section 3.** This declaration shall take become effective immediately and shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded.

Proclaimed this 30 day of March, 2020 at 5:00AM (PM).

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_

Kenneth T. Cowan, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Kristin J. Wells, Town Clerk

