

NOTICE TO ACCOMMODATIONS GUESTS

On April 8, 2020, Buncombe County issued a Superseding Declaration of a Local State of Emergency (herein "Order") in response to the coronavirus and COVID-19 pandemic, and in response to the declaration of emergency issued by the State of North Carolina. The Order supersedes and replaces a previous Declaration, which was set to expire at 6:00 AM on April 9, 2020. The new Order modifies and clarifies the restrictions previously in place, and extends them indefinitely. All municipalities in Buncombe County are subject to the Order.

The Order prohibits hotels and motels, bed and breakfasts, short-term rentals, less than 30 days, homestays and campgrounds from offering or providing accommodations to guests for leisure or vacation purposes. The Order permits work-related accommodations for persons employed by or supporting essential businesses. Hotels and motels, bed and breakfasts, short-term rentals, less than 30 days, homestays and campgrounds are required by the Order to document the essential nature of a guest's visit. The definition of essential business is set out in an interpretive document, which can be found on the County website:

<https://www.buncombecounty.org/countycenter/news-detail.aspx?id=18580>.

The Order also provides that persons coming from outside of Buncombe County are required to self-quarantine upon arrival. This means that guests would have to remain in their room for 14 days or the duration of their stay (if less than 14 days), or find accommodations outside of Buncombe County.

We apologize for any inconvenience in this stressful situation. By following the County's Order, we hope to resume normal operations sooner rather than later. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.