



Major Points from Governor Kemp's 06.30.21.01 and 06.30.21.02 Executive Orders

On July 1, 2021 Georgia Public Health State of Emergency, pertaining to Covid-19, terminated. On June 30, 2021 Governor Kemp issued Executive Order 06.30.21.01 which declares a State of Emergency for Continued Covid-19 Economic Recovery through July 30, 2021. On June 30, 2021 the Governor also issued Executive Order 06.30.21.02 (hereinafter "The Order") which provides provisions pertinent to the State of Emergency for Continued Covid-19 Economic Recovery.

Provisions Specific to Municipal Governments

Although it is vital that Local Government entities acquaint themselves with the complete substance of the order, some of the highlights for municipalities are as follows:

1. The Order purports to prohibit local rules, ordinances, orders, and mandates where they are inconsistent with the Order (where the result would be an "incompatible outcome for the uniform response to this state of emergency"). The term "inconsistent" is to be defined as in the Black's Legal Dictionary.
2. Virtual notarizations of documents, where certain requirements are met, are permitted.
3. Code sections 36-50-27 and 50-8-8 are suspended to the extent that they would prevent local governments from being eligible to receive state funding for expenditures made during the Public Health State of Emergency or the State of Emergency for Continued Covid-19 Economic Recovery.
4. The Order provides that non-citizen legal residents can apply for temporary 120-day driver's permits or identification cards "if they have a valid Georgia license or ID that expired on or after March 14, 2020". It can also be requested by those who "have a pending application for an extension of legal residence" with the federal government. They can also request additional 120-day permits if they have already been granted one previously.
5. Applications for renewals of weapons carry licenses and renewal licenses will be considered to be for a renewal license if the holder of the weapons carry license or renewal license applies within 120 days after the expiration date on the license.
6. On road driving tests may be administered by examiners riding in the vehicle with applicants or by remote means.
7. The Order provides "[t]hat any purported requirement under the laws of this state requiring original signatures and raised corporate seals related to construction surety bonds required under Code Sections 13-10-40- 65, 32-2-70, 36-91-1, 36-91-2, 36-91-50 and 36-91-70-93 and commercial surety bonds required or permitted under numerous other statutes are suspended for the limited purpose of providing that public procurement officers shall accept electronic signatures and electronic corporate seals as provided by the provisions of Code Sections 10-12-2 et seq. and 33-24-14 and any construction surety bond or commercial surety bond may be executed electronically if all the following requirements are met:
 - a. The document is notarized pursuant to the requirements of Executive Order 04.09.20.01; and

- b. If requested by the procurement officer, the original shall be provided within seven (7) business days.