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## **City of Charleston March 26 Coronavirus Update**

**Charleston, S.C.**— The city of Charleston continues to operate at OPCON 1 with the [stay at home ordinance](#) in effect and non-essential businesses closed citywide.

The Community Development Committee and Charleston City Council met today and approved an emergency ordinance to reallocate \$40,000 in Community Development Block Grant funding to provide public services and temporary living quarters for those who are homeless and/or vulnerable and are required to self-isolate or self-quarantine due to COVID-19.

The emergency ordinance can be viewed here: <https://www.charleston-sc.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/03262020-5386>

The city of Charleston's Essential Business Review Committee also met today to review applications received from local businesses that would like to be considered essential services. The committee, comprised of staff members from the city's Legal and Emergency Management departments, will continue to meet daily.

An updated list of essential businesses exempt from the stay at home ordinance is available on the city's website, here: <https://www.charleston-sc.gov/DocumentCenter/View/26251/Emergency-Ordinance-Stay-at-Home>

All businesses that would like to be considered for the essential services list must submit an application by 9 a.m., Monday, March 30. The application can be found here: <https://www.charleston-sc.gov/FormCenter/Corporation-Counsel-7/Essential-Business-Review-Application-94>.

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