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For Immediate Release:

Durham Officials amend current Safer-at-Home Order

New rules relax 2 sections of the merged Safer At Home Order

DURHAM, N.C. – Officials of the City of Durham and Durham County announced an amendment to the Safer At Home Order issued on May 28th, 2020. This amendment focuses on two areas: Outdoor Exercise Classes along with changes for Real Estate.

Outdoor Exercise Classes may now be conducted in accordance with the Order's Social Distancing and Sanitation Requirements and the requirements of the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services. Durham Mayor Steve Schewel said, "We are glad to be able to open up outdoor fitness classes to a maximum of 25 people. Public Health guidance tells us that this is safe as long as there is ten feet of distance between participants and other sanitation measures are carefully observed."

Realtors should note that in the amended Order, open houses of any homes for sale are strongly discouraged, but may occur so long as they do not exceed the mass gathering limit of 10 persons and comply with the Social Distancing and Sanitation Requirements noted in the document. All realtors and their clients should use safety precautions when entering both vacant and occupied properties.

Durham Board of County Commissioners Chair Wendy Jacobs said, "We appreciate the active engagement and participation of both our realtors and our fitness centers in our Durham Recovery and Renewal Task Force Roundtables. Like many of our business sectors, they are taking the lead to develop and implement industry best practices putting their clients and customers safety first."

"As we continue to re-open activities in our community, it is more important than ever we all continue to practice the 3 W's- Wearing face coverings, Waiting 6 feet and Washing our hands to keep ourselves, our loved ones and each other safe and healthy. Let's keep doing it like Durham, taking care of ourselves and each other!"

Citizens are reminded that this Order continues the safer at home standard and strongly encourages those at a high risk of infection to only travel for essential purposes. In addition, face covering must be worn in public settings and when social distancing is not possible. All other rules in Durham's Order remain.

Durham's amended Safe-at-Home Order goes into effect at 5 p.m. June 12, 2020. The Order will continue in effect until it is amended or rescinded.

For additional information please visit: <https://durhamnc.gov/4019/Stay-at-Home-Order-FAQs>.

To view the amended Durham Safer-at-Home Order go here: [Add Link please](#)

To view Governor Cooper's Executive Order 141 go here: <https://files.nc.gov/governor/documents/files/EO141-Phase-2.pdf>.

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