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Date: March 25, 2020
From: AIA Team
RE: **North Carolina Bail Bonding – An Essential Service**

This evening, the Guilford County Board of Commissioners, along with the cities of Greensboro, High Point, and Gibsonville, along with the Towns of Jamestown, Summerfield, Stokesdale, Oak Ridge, Whitsett, Sedalia, and Pleasant Garden, issued a Stay at Home Order, asking all non-essential businesses and operations to “Cease activities except Minimum Basic Operations.” According to the Order, “businesses may continue operations consisting exclusively of employees or contractors performing activities at their own residences.” A link to the order is here...

<https://www.greensboro-nc.gov/home/showdocument?id=45284>

We have been monitoring similar orders issued by other states and counties. North Carolina is following the essential components of these other Stay at Home orders.

Importantly, the Guilford County Order identifies certain “essential services” that are exempt from the stay at home requirements. Bail is one of them.

Under the “Essential Businesses and Operations” section of the Order, entities that issue bonds (that includes bail bonds) are exempted.

6. Financial Institutions. Banks, currency exchanges, consumer lenders, including but not limited, to payday lenders, pawnbrokers, consumer installment lenders and sales finance lenders, credit unions, appraisers, title companies, financial markets, trading and futures exchanges, affiliates of financial institutions, entities that issue bonds, related financial institutions, and institutions selling financial products...”

Based on this specific designation, you may continue operating your bonding business during this time but should do so in the most safe and responsible manner, including maintaining social distancing guidelines.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our team at 800.935.2245.