NORTH Dakota | Governor Doug Burgum

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EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-36.1

WHEREAS, a state of emergency was declared by Governor Doug Burgum on March 13, 2020, in response to the public health crisis resulting from COVID-19; Executive Order 2020-03 activated the State Emergency Operations Plan (SEOP), implementing appropriate and ongoing response and recovery actions; and,

WHEREAS, in order to reduce the spread of COVID-19, to protect and save lives, North Dakota citizens have adopted measures established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the North Dakota Department of Health, to control the spread of COVID-19 and protect our most vulnerable citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the North Dakota Department of Transportation (DOT) and other state agencies have developed alternate service delivery models to ensure citizens have access to all essential state services; and,

WHEREAS, the *ND Smart Restart* guidelines, issued on April 29, 2020, are revised standard procedures and industry-specific guidelines and rules focused upon safe business operations during the coronavirus pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, beginning September 1, 2020, the DOT Driver License Division will implement a phased approach to efficiently and safely eliminate the backlog of driver license renewals and address the existing needs and concerns of citizens and the business community.

NOW, THEREFORE, Doug Burgum, Governor of North Dakota, by virtue of the authority under Article V, Section 1 of the North Dakota Constitution and North Dakota Century Code Chapter 37-17.1, in consultation with the Executive Director of the ND Department of Transportation, hereby orders the following:

To further facilitate services to citizens and businesses, citizens with a driver's license that expired after March 1, 2020, or a license that will expire by December 31, 2020 are directed to complete driver's license renewals according to the schedule below. North Dakota Law Enforcement Agencies and private sector businesses operating in this state are directed to recognize any North Dakota driver's license that expired after March 1, 2020, or a license that will expire by December 31, 2020 as valid, based upon the renewal schedule below.

1. Licenses which expired in March, April or May, 2020 must be renewed no later than September 30, 2020. Law Enforcement Agencies and private sector businesses are directed to recognize North Dakota driver's license which expired in March, April or May, 2020 as valid through September 30, 2020.

2. Licenses which expired in June, 2020 must be renewed no later than

October 31, 2020. Law Enforcement Agencies and private sector businesses are directed to recognize North Dakota driver's license which expired in June, 2020 as valid through October 31, 2020.

3. Licenses which expired, or will expire, in July, August, September or October, 2020 must be renewed no later than November 30, 2020. Law Enforcement Agencies and private sector businesses are directed to recognize North Dakota driver's license which expired, or will expire in July, August, September or October, 2020 as valid through November 30, 2020.

4. Licenses which expire in November and December, 2020 must be renewed no later than December 31, 2020. Law Enforcement Agencies and private sector businesses are directed to recognize North Dakota driver's license which will expire in November or December, 2020 as valid through December 31, 2020.

This order is issued upon the following basis and for the following reasons:

1. The Governor is vested with the executive authority pursuant to Article V, Section 1, of the North Dakota Constitution.
2. The Governor is vested with statutory authority to issue executive orders, to minimize or avert the effects of a disaster or emergency pursuant to Chapter 37-17 .1 of the North Dakota Century Code.
3. A coordinated and effective effort of appropriate government departments is required to minimize the impact of emergencies and disasters in this State.

This Executive Order amends and replaces Executive Order 2020-36 in its entirety. It is effective immediately and shall remain in effect through December 31, 2020.

Executed at the State Capitol in Bismarck, North Dakota, this 10th day of August, 2020.

Doug Burgum
Governor

ATTEST:

Secretary of State