

# HVACR Is An “Essential Service”

*In the event that any of your employees are stopped by any local, state or federal public safety, or health official from performing his/her HVACR duties, please present this document to them with the employees ID card.*

## **TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:**



Pursuant to Governor Kemp’ Executive Order 04.02.20.01 dated April 2, 2020, “The term 'Critical Infrastructure shall refer to businesses ...as defined by the U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security as 'essential critical infrastructure workforce' ... in guidance revised on March 28, 2020...” .

According to the Dept. of Homeland Security's (DHS) Cyber Security and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) federal guidelines to states and municipalities regarding "essential" work, of the “**Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce: Ensuring Community and National Resilience in COVID-19 Response**”, Version 2.0, dated March 28, 2020, it specifically states employees included under the following headings are:

### **Public Works, page 10, :**

*“Workers such as plumbers, electricians, exterminators, builders, contractors, **HVAC Technicians**, landscapers and other service providers who provide services that are necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences, businesses and buildings such as hospitals, senior living facilities, any temporary construction required to support COVID-19 response”.* This certainly includes routine maintenance of HVACR equipment.

### **Other Community –or Government-based Operations , page 12**

*“Workers to ensure continuity of building functions, including but not limited to security and **environmental controls (e.g., HVAC)**, the **manufacturing and distribution of the products** required for these functions, and the permits and inspections for construction supporting essential infrastructure.”*

### **Residential / Shelter Facilities and Services page 15**

*“Workers performing **housing construction related activities** to ensure additional units can be made available to combat the nation’s existing housing supply shortage.*

*Workers **supporting the construction of housing**, including those supporting government functions related to the building and development process, such as inspections, permitting and plan review services that can be modified to protect the public health, but fundamentally should continue and serve the construction of housing (e.g., allow qualified private third-party inspections in case of government shutdown).”*

The Governor’s Order on page 8 also provides that this order **supersedes any other order by any city, county or state agency!**

