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**DIRECTIVE 26-EX-1**

**TO:** ALL LICENSED INSURANCE COMPANIES IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA

**FROM:** JOHN F. KING  
INSURANCE AND SAFETY FIRE COMMISSIONER

**DATE:** April 23, 2026


**RE:** INSURANCE COMPANIES ACROSS ALL LINES OF COVERAGE – NO  
CANCELLATIONS FOR FAILURE TO PAY IN AFFECTED AREAS

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On April 22, 2026, Governor Brian Kemp issued a State of Emergency for several South Georgia Counties due to active wildfires and hazardous fire conditions. The ongoing wildfire threat has already displaced many families and remains less than 10% contained at this time.

In a significant number of these counties, consumers will be unable to access mailing and postal services. Without access to these services, residents are in no position to ensure prompt payment of their premiums.

Insurers are not to cancel policies for non-payment from policy holders from the counties listed below until further advised by the Department. These counties include: Appling, Atkinson, Bacon, Baker, Ben Hill, Berrien, Bibb, Bleckley, Brantley, Brooks, Bryan, Bulloch, Burke, Calhoun, Camden, Candler, Charlton, Chatham, Chattahoochee, Clay, Clinch, Coffee, Colquitt, Columbia, Cook, Crawford, Crisp, Decatur, Dodge, Dooly, Dougherty, Early, Echols, Effingham, Emanuel, Evans, Glascock, Glynn, Grady, Harris, Houston, Irwin, Jeff Davis, Jefferson, Jenkins, Johnson, Lanier, Laurens, Lee, Liberty, Long, Lowndes, Macon, Marion, McDuffie, McIntosh, Miller, Mitchell, Montgomery, Muscogee, Peach, Pierce, Pulaski, Quitman, Randolph, Richmond, Screven, Schley, Seminole, Stewart, Sumter, Talbot, Tattnall, Taylor, Telfair, Terrell, Thomas, Tift, Toombs, Treutlan, Turner, Twiggs, Ware, Warren, Washington, Wayne, Webster, Wheeler, Wilcox, Wilkinson, and Worth.

  
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