



DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY BY THE MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF SURF CITY

EFFECTIVE MARCH 26, 2020

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Surf City has duly adopted ordinances pursuant to the provisions of N.C. G.S. 166A Article IA to determine and declare the existence of a State of Emergency and to impose certain prohibitions and restrictions appropriate to meet the emergency;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas C. Medlin, Mayor of the Town of Surf City do hereby declare as follows:

Section 1. A State of Emergency exists within the municipal limits of the Town of Surf City due to the expected impacts of COVID-19.

Section 2. In response to the global spread of the virus and the disease it causes, the World Health Organization has declared COVID-19 a Public Health Emergency; the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has warned of the high public health threat posed by COVID-19 globally; and the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services ("NCDHHS") confirmed cases of COVID-19 in North Carolina as of March 10, 2020.

Section 3. Governor Cooper issued Executive Order No. 116 titled "Declaration of a State of Emergency to Coordinate Response and Protective Actions to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19, and subsequently issued Executive Order No. 117 and Executive Order 118 related to the COVID-19 pandemic. These Orders include provisions prohibiting mass gatherings, provisions mandating school closures, mandating bar closures and provisions restricting restaurant operations to carry-out, drive through, and delivery services and restricting onsite consumption in outdoor seating areas only. Based upon guidance from CDC and NCDHHS, arrangements must be made to take appropriate action to ensure that COVID-19 remains controlled and that residents and visitors of Surf City will remain safe and secure.

Section 4. The following restrictions and prohibitions are imposed:

- Closure of Public Beach Parking Areas
- Closure of Public Beach Accesses
- Closure of Public Parks (Soundside Park, Nelva Albury Park, Kenneth Batts Park & Disc Golf Course)

Section 5. I further proclaim and hereby impose the following orders, prohibitions and restrictions:

Discontinuance of All Short-term Rental Operations: All rental agencies and property owners that rent properties within the Town of Surf City are instructed to have all current renters, with a rental period of less than 3 months' duration, and their invitees vacate the premises and leave the Town no later than 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 25, 2020. Effective immediately, there will be no new rental occupancies of a duration less than 90 days allowed within the Town. Individuals and entities renting within the Town for purposes directly related to the COVID-19 pandemic or related to the provision of other essential public services are exempted from the prohibition contained in Paragraph 1. For purposes of this Paragraph 1 the phrase "Short-term Rental Operations" shall include the rental of one or more rooms in any hotel, motel, or any other for-profit establishment offering short-term occupancy of a duration less than 90-days. This discontinuance of all Short-term Rental Operations is applicable to all hotels, motels, rentals procured through "AirBnB", "VRBO", real estate agents and companies, property management companies, individual homeowners, or any other entity or individual of a similar nature.

This discontinuance shall be effective until April 22nd unless otherwise terminated or modified. The Town will assess the need and effect of this discontinuance on or before April 17, 2020.

- 1) The Town urges that all travel be limited to essential travel for property owners and residents, business owners and their respective employees and contractors, and municipal employees and contractors.
- 2) Town Operations: The Town Manager or his designee is hereby authorized to take all lawful actions necessary to manage the Town during this State of Emergency, including, without limitation, procuring goods and services necessary to manage this emergency including but not limited to the adjustment of hours, access, and operation of all government operations, Town-owned facilities, roads, rights-of way, and parks, as deemed reasonably necessary to restrict the spread of COVID- 19 and protect Town residents, the public and municipal employees .
- 3) I and the Town Council strongly encourage everyone to comply with all CDC and State guidelines, including limiting groups to no more than 10 people, limiting activities in public and maintaining at least six feet of distance from other people as well as comply with the Executive Orders issued by the Governor.


Section 6. Any person who violates any provision of this Declaration shall be guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor in accordance with the provisions G.S. 14-288.20A.

Section 7. This Declaration of a State of Emergency shall be effective immediately and shall remain in effect until April 30, 2020 unless otherwise rescinded or modified by the Mayor and/or the Town Council.

Attest:


Stephanie E. Hobbs, Town Clerk




Douglas C. Medlin, Mayor