

CITY OF MYRTLE BEACH
COUNTY OF HORRY
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

TO DIRECT THE CITY MANAGER TO
IMPLEMENT EMERGENCY ORDER 8

WHEREAS, it is well recognized that COVID-19 presents a public health concern that requires extraordinary protective measures and vigilance; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared a world-wide pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump declared a national emergency to assist with combating COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Governor Henry McMaster issued Executive Order No. 2020-08 related to COVID-19 and declared a state of emergency in South Carolina based on a determination that COVID-19 “poses an actual and imminent public health emergency”; and

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2020, Mayor Brenda Bethune declared a civil emergency in the City of Myrtle Beach; and

WHEREAS, on March 28, 2020, Governor McMaster issued Executive Order No. 2020-15, declaring a separate and distinct state of emergency “due to the evolving nature and scope of the public health threat or other risks posed by COVID-19 and the actual, ongoing, and anticipated impacts associated with the same” and extending certain previous Executive Orders for the duration of the state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2020, Governor McMaster issued Executive Order No. 2020-17 where he, among other things, closed non-essential businesses and urged businesses to facilitate social distancing practices; and

WHEREAS, on April 12, 2020, Governor McMaster issued Executive Order No. 2020-23, recognizing that public health officials had reported over 3,319 confirmed cases of COVID-19 throughout South Carolina, and stating that “ the extraordinary circumstances and conditions that necessitated” the Governor’s “prior emergency declarations have not subsided and have, in fact, evolved and expanded to present different and additional risks and dangers,”and explaining that the State “has transitioned from the investigation, reporting, and initiation phases of the COVID-19 pandemic to the acceleration phase”; and,

WHEREAS, in Executive Order 2020-23, Governor McMaster declared a separate and distinct state of emergency based on a determination that the accelerated spread of COVID-19 throughout the State poses an actual, ongoing, and evolving public health threat to the State of South Carolina,

1 which now represents a new and distinct emergency and requires additional proactive action by
2 the [State] and the implementation and enforcement of further extraordinary measures to slow the
3 spread of COVID-19, minimize the strain on healthcare providers, and otherwise respond to and
4 mitigate the expanding public health threat imposed by [the] emergency”; and,
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6 **WHEREAS**, on April 16, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order 2020-25,
7 determining that “the ongoing, evolving, and accelerating public health threat imposed by COVID-
8 19 requires additional proactive action by the [State] and the implementation, extension, or
9 modification of additional extraordinary measures to cope with the existing or anticipated
10 situation, in include mitigating the significant economic and other impacts and burdens on
11 individuals, families and businesses,” while generally reopening public boat ramps or boat
12 landings, as well as adjacent or associated public parking lots, for the purpose of launching and
13 retrieving boats; and,
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15 **WHEREAS**, on April 16, 2020, President Donald Trump issued guidelines entitled
16 “Opening Up America Again,” describing criteria that state and local officials should satisfy before
17 proceeding to a phased opening of the economy; and,
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19 **WHEREAS**, on April 20, 2020, Governor McMaster issued an Executive Order (2020-
20 28), reopening retail businesses previously determined to be non-essential including department
21 stores, furniture stores, luggage stores, flower shops, book, craft and music shops subject to certain
22 emergency rules and restrictions; and
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24 **WHEREAS**, on April 27, 2020, Governor McMaster issued Executive Order No. 2020-29
25 in which he again declared a state of emergency exists in South Carolina; and
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27 **WHEREAS**, despite preventative measures implemented by the State and by the City, the
28 number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Horry County continues to increase; and
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30 **WHEREAS**, as of April 29, 2020, the total number of cases of persons infected with
31 COVID-19 in South Carolina is 5881, with 203 deaths; including 211 cases in Horry County with
32 15 deaths; and
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34 **WHEREAS**, with the arrival of warmer weather and the expected arrival of millions of
35 visitors, each one being a potential virus carrier, the City of Myrtle Beach finds it is necessary to
36 take steps to try to protect its citizens, employers, and employees from increased risk of exposure
37 to COVID-19; and
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39 **WHEREAS**, taking measures to control outbreaks minimizes the risk to the public,
40 protects the health and safety of the City’s residents, limits the spread of infection in our
41 communities, and reduces the strain on local healthcare providers; and
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1 **WHEREAS**, the City of Myrtle Beach will continue to monitor on a daily basis the number
2 of new cases and deaths and other circumstances related to COVID-19 in the City, including the
3 impact of the coronavirus on our vulnerable and minority populations; and,
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5 **WHEREAS**, in order to protect, preserve, and promote the general health, safety and
6 welfare and the peace and order of the community, the City is taking steps to try to protect the
7 citizens and employees of the City from increased risk of exposure; in the coming weeks, based
8 on evolving medical and scientific information, the City may take additional measures to mitigate
9 the spread of COVID-19.
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11 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Myrtle
12 Beach that:
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- 14 1. The City Manager be instructed to immediately implement Emergency Order #8.
- 15 2. The City Manager be instructed to implement similar sanitation and hygiene
16 requirements for other businesses permitted to operate within the City under Governor
17 McMaster's Executive Orders within one week of today's date.
- 18 3. That the Mayor and the City Manager continue to work with all available City, County,
19 State and Federal resources to protect, preserve, and promote the general health, safety
20 and welfare and the peace and Order of the community.
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24 SIGNED AND SEALED this 30th day of April, 2020.
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29 BRENDA BETHUNE, MAYOR
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31 ATTEST:
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35 JENNIFER STANFORD, CITY CLERK