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CITY OF MYRTLE BEACH
COUNTY OF HORRY
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

RESOLUTION TO DIRECT THE CITY
MANAGER TO IMPLEMENT THE ATTACHED
EMERGENCY HEALTH AND SAFETY ORDER.

WHEREAS, the City Council has already taken several steps designed to enforce the Governor’s orders, to encourage social distancing and to further mitigate the spread of the Coronavirus in the City of Myrtle Beach (see Attachment A); and

WHEREAS, those steps have been successful in drastically reducing the number of visitors normally expected at this point in time during the year; and

WHEREAS, those steps have also severely diminished the amount of social interaction between our residents; and

WHEREAS, despite those actions the number of confirmed cases of Covid19 has increased in Horry County; and

Whereas, it is clear that further steps are necessary in this regard to promote the public health of our residents.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Myrtle Beach that:

1. The City Manager be instructed to immediately implement the Emergency Order shown as Exhibit B to this resolution.
2. The City Manager be instructed to take action as necessary to promote public health during the duration of the health emergency.
3. The Mayor and the City Manager be authorized to further work with all available City, County, State and Federal Resources until the Coronavirus has been brought under control.
4. That the City Manager be instructed to work with the Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce and other area businesses to propose an area economic recovery plan to be put into effect when this event is concluded.

SIGNED AND SEALED this 26th day of March, 2020.


BRENDA BETHUNE, MAYOR

ATTEST:


JENNIFER STANFORD, CITY CLERK

City of Myrtle Beach Steps to Halt the Spread of the Corona Virus

President Trump declared a national emergency due to the Covid19 National Health emergency on March 13, 2020. On the next day Governor McMaster declared a state of emergency in the State of South Carolina. Since that date the City of Myrtle Beach has taken the following steps to further mitigate the spread of the virus.

- The Mayor declared a state of emergency on March 14, 2020.
- Began extensive public information campaign through social media, City's webpage, media releases, City webpage, electronic message boards and billboards.
- Closed all City facilities, including playgrounds, to the public beginning March 16.
- Encouraged services be conducted on-line or via phone.
- Enacted a hiring freeze except for mission critical positions on March 16.
- Reassigning FT employees to other departments to help in service delivery.
- Reduced bond hearings to 1x/day effective March 16.
- Directed a spending freeze, except for mission critical services, on March 18.
- Directed all Departments to develop a continuation of operation plan - March 12.
- Cancelled all in-person City boards and commission meetings, neighborhood watches, etc....from March 16, 2020 until further notice.
- Offer on-line Recreation classes to the public - March 20.
- Allowed temporary special operational rules and procedures for restaurants in reference to signage, temporary tents, placement of signs/tents, and allowed temporarily designated public parking spaces for curbside pick-up/delivery - March 18.
- Cancelled/Postponed all Special Events through April, 2020.
- Cancelled/Postponed all Sports Tourism events through April 19.
- Cancelled/Postponed all events at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center through May.
- Established a 12-hour community COVID-19 information hotline beginning March 23.
- Virtual Boards and Commission meetings beginning March 26, 2020
- Implemented work from home policy for appropriate employees, effective March 24.
- Request employees refrain from travel to the NYC metropolitan area, or to not allow visitors/guests into their homes who are travelling from the NYC area - March 25.
- Daily communication/update to all employees regarding COVID-19.
- Update City's COVID-19 web page daily.

<https://www.cityofmyrtlebeach.com/coronavirus/index.php>

Temporary Orders Issued Thursday March 26, 2020

1. All accommodations businesses in the City of Myrtle Beach, including hotels, motels, condo hotels, rental properties, inclusive of private management companies and Airbnb, VRBO style lodging, plus public and private campgrounds:
 - Shall not accept new reservations or extend current reservations for any period prior to May 1 effective immediately (such time limit is subject to further modification), except as indicated below.
 - Existing reservations made for a period beginning Saturday, March 28, 2020 through April 30, 2020 will be rescheduled or canceled.
 - Those units consistently occupied since March 1, 2020 are exempt from the order but may not be joined by other occupants including friends and family members.
 - All visitors who do not meet the above exemption must vacate the property by noon, Sunday, March 29, 2020.

2. All amusements designed to attract and accommodate visitors, are hereby ordered to close effective Friday, March 27, 2020, including but not limited to:
 - Movie and live performance theaters.
 - Golf courses in the City limits, including mini-golf courses.
 - Moped, and golf cart rental operations.
 - Amusement parks and arcades.

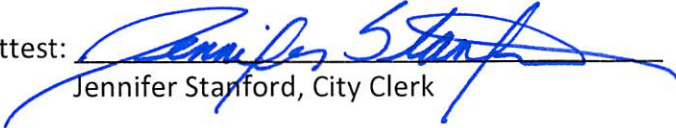
3. As ensuring public health is a shared responsibility:
 - Our residents are requested to continue to wash or sanitize hands frequently, to frequently disinfect home and work surfaces that may lead to the spread of the coronavirus, and to practice even more stringent social distancing procedures.
 - Businesses that remain open to the public are requested to:
 - Redouble all CDC and DHEC recommended sanitation and disinfection procedures, and to emphasize such procedures to their employees.
 - Establish safe distancing guidelines for all cashier and payment areas to encourage a separation of customers of at least six feet between customers.
 - Enforce six feet separation requirements whenever possible in waiting rooms, lobby areas, and workstations.
 - Encourage that business be conducted over the telephone or electronically whenever possible.

Ordered on this 26th day of March 2020, at 3:56 PM.

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John Pedersen, City Manager, City of Myrtle Beach

Attest: 
Jennifer Stanford, City Clerk