

Town of James Island

Emergency Ordinance Pertaining to Suspension of Ordinances and other Emergency Protocol

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Governor Henry McMaster issued Executive Order No. 2020-08 related to 2019 Novel Coronavirus (“COVID-19”) and declared that a State of Emergency exists in South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, South Carolina law provides that cities and counties may enact emergency ordinances to meet public emergencies affecting life, health, safety or the property of the people upon a single reading, provided that such ordinance does not levy taxes, grant, renew or extend a franchise or impose or change a service rate, upon the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the city or county council present, and provided that such emergency ordinance shall expire automatically on the sixty-first day following its enactment; and

WHEREAS, it is determined that a public emergency affecting life, health, and safety does exist.

NOW THEREFORE, be it hereby ordained in this meeting of the Town Council, as follows;

Pursuant to the powers provided in the Code of Ordinances of Town of James Island, South Carolina, Chapter 30.02 Emergency Powers of Mayor, the Mayor shall issue all such orders and directives as deemed necessary to protect public life, health and safety in carrying out the following duties and responsibilities:

1. Implement the duties and functions assigned in the Town Emergency Operations Plans.
2. Control ingress and egress to and from the area, the movement of persons within the area and the occupancy of premises therein.
3. Suspend the collection of municipal hospitality taxes as applicable.
4. Suspend enforcement of Ordinance 2018-16 Environmentally Accepted Packaging and Products.
5. **Town Parks opens beginning Friday, May 22. Restrooms, playground, and water fountains are not accessible.**

DONE AS AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE and approved at a meeting duly assembled by no less than an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of Council present, this 21 May 2020.

This ordinance shall become effective upon ratification.

Town of James Island

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Mayor Bill Woolsey

ATTEST:

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Frances Simmons, Town Clerk

**Expires June 18, 2020**