



Proclamation Declaring a State of Emergency

WHEREAS, N.C.G.S. Chapters 160A, 166A and 14 authorize municipalities to declare the existence of a State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has the potential to create unsafe health conditions and concerns for the general public as the virus is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person, between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet); and

WHEREAS, the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention, the NC Division of Health and Human Services and the Governor of North Carolina are urging the public to self-isolate, avoid public places, and practice social distancing which is creating difficulties for public officials to maintain public safety, health and welfare of the people within the Town of Sunset Beach due to an increase of visitors and non-resident property owners traveling to the area; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has declared that the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States constitutes a national emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of North Carolina declared a State of Emergency on March 10, 2020, in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19; and

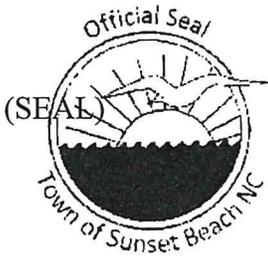
WHEREAS, by ordinance the Town of Sunset Beach has heretofore authorized the Mayor to proclaim the existence of a State of Emergency and to declare orders for evacuation, curfew and various other restrictions and prohibitions.

NOW, THEREFORE, by the authority vested in the Mayor by ordinance of the Town of Sunset Beach, the Mayor of the Town of Sunset Beach does hereby proclaim the existence of a State of Emergency for the Town of Sunset Beach; and

FURTHER THEREFORE, by the authority vested in the Mayor by ordinance of the Town of Sunset Beach, the Mayor of the Town of Sunset Beach does hereby enacts the following restrictions:

1. All island public parking lots and spaces, and all right-of-way parking will be closed until further notice;
2. Effective immediately, all Municipal facilities will be closed to the public until further notice. All public interaction with staff will be via phone, email or text;
3. Public restrooms are to be removed from the gazebo and the Park restroom is closed until further notice;
4. Effective immediately, there shall be no new short-term rental occupancies of any nature or duration within the Town of Sunset Beach until April 22, 2020;
5. All rental agencies and property owners that currently have short-term rental occupants will be required to notify the occupants that they must vacate the premises and exit the Town limits no later than 5:00 PM on March 26, 2020;
6. Public gatherings in the Park and on the beach is restricted to 10 people with a minimum of 6-feet apart;
7. The aforementioned restrictions and State of Emergency will remain in force until rescinded or amended by the Mayor of the Town of Sunset Beach.

This the 23 day of MARCH, 2020, at 3:13 o'clock, A.m.



TOWN OF SUNSET BEACH

David J. Phillips
Mayor

ATTEST:

Lisa H. Anglin
Town Clerk