



**DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY
FOR THE
TOWN OF OAK ISLAND**

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the COVID-19 pandemic poses an imminent threat and that existing conditions have caused or could likely cause widespread or severe illness, or loss of life to our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of North Carolina has declared a State of Emergency for the State of North Carolina pursuant to G.S. 166A-19.3 as the result of the public health emergency posed by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Chapters 160A, 166A and 14 of the North Carolina General Statutes, as well as Article II of the Town's Code of Ordinances, authorize the Town of Oak Island to proclaim the existence of a State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article II of the Town Code of Ordinances, the Mayor or his designee is authorized to proclaim the existence of a State of Emergency and to declare orders for evacuation, curfew and various other restrictions and prohibitions; and

WHEREAS, the spread of COVID-19 is a public health incident that poses an imminent threat to the life, safety, health, and welfare of the residents, visitors and the public within the Town of Oak Island.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in the Mayor by Chapters 160A, 166A and 14 of the North Carolina General Statutes, as well as Article II of the Town's Code of Ordinances, I, Ken Thomas, Mayor of the Town of Oak Island, do hereby proclaim the existence of a State of Emergency for the Town of Oak Island.

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

- 1) Discontinuance of All Short-term Rental Operations: All rental agencies and property owners that rent properties on Town of Oak Island 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 Tuesday, March 24, 2020. Effective immediately, there will be no new rental occupancies 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 providing other essential public services are exempted from the prohibition contained in Paragraph 1.

- 2) 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.
- 3) 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.
- 4) I and the Town Council further strongly encourage everyone to comply with all CDC and Brunswick County Health Department 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.

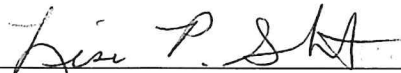
This declaration is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded by the Town Council.

Declared this the 21st day of March, 2020.



Ken Thomas, Mayor
Town of Oak Island



Attest: 
Lisa P. Stites, MMC, Town Clerk
Town of Oak Island