

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO TEMPORARILY SUSPEND THE OPERATION OF DEADLINES IMPOSED UPON THE TOWN; EXTEND TAX COMPLIANCE DEADLINES; AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO; AND SEVERABILITY

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Honorable Henry McMaster, Governor of South Carolina, 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, on March 15, 2020, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued guidance recommending the suspension of large events and mass gatherings that consist of 10 people or more in order to slow the spread of COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, in accordance with section 7-7-20 of the Code of Ordinances for the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina (the "Town Code"), the Honorable John McCann, Mayor of the Town of Hilton Head Island, issued a proclamation declaring a state of emergency throughout the Town to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents, guests, and visitors to the Town of Hilton Head Island from the dangers caused by the increasing number of confirmed cases of COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, in order to support the businesses of Hilton Head Island it is necessary to extend the deadline by which certain fees and taxes must be remitted to the Town without the imposition of a penalty or interest upon such payments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT, AND IT HEREBY IS, ORDERED AND ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA, AND IT IS ORDAINED BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE SAID COUNCIL, AND S. C. CODE ANN. § 5-7-250(D)(SUPP. 2019), AS FOLLOWS:

1. All municipal tax deadlines occurring after the date hereof be extended in accordance with Executive Order 2020-10 issued by Governor Henry McMaster on March 17, 2020, any Business License Tax, Hospitality Tax, Hospitality Fee and Local Accommodations Taxes collected during March, 2020, and April, 2020, will not incur a penalty so long as such taxes and fees collected during this time are remitted to the Town in full no later than June 20, 2020.
2. The Emergency Ordinance becomes effective immediately upon adoption by two thirds affirmative vote of the Town Council for Hilton Head Island and will expire on the sixty-first day following adoption.
3. If any provision, clause, sentence or paragraph of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall be held invalid, that invalidity shall not affect the other provisions of the Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable.

MOVED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 21st DAY OF MARCH, 2020.

John J. McCann, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____
Krista M. Wiedmeyer, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Curtis Coltrane, Town Attorney

Introduced by Council Member: _____

Read and Adopted on: March 21, 2020