

**RESOLUTION 2020-05**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND  
URGING ALL BUSINESSES AND INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE IN ANY  
BUSINESS ENGAGED IN THE SHORT TERM RENTAL OF REAL PROPERTY  
OR ROOMS ON HILTON HEAD ISLAND TO NOT BOOK ANY  
RESERVATIONS THROUGH APRIL 30, 2020**

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, President Donald J. Trump declared a national state of emergency to assist with combating the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), and,

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, Governor Henry D. McMaster declared a state of emergency in South Carolina to take, all necessary and appropriate actions in proactively preparing for and promptly responding to the threat posed by COVID-19; and,

**WHEREAS**, on March 16, 2020, Mayor John J. McCann declared a state of emergency within The Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina;

**WHEREAS**, Covid-19 is now spreading across the State with the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control ("SCDHEC") confirming the localized person-to-person spread of COVID-19 in South Carolina, which indicates a significantly increasing risk of exposure and infection to residents of the population of the State of South Carolina, and an extreme public health risk; and,

**WHEREAS**, local governments in South Carolina do not have extraordinary emergency powers, and all such powers are with the Governor of South Carolina; and,

**WHEREAS**, on March 30, 2020, the Centers for Disease Control issued a domestic travel advisory for residents of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut; and,

**WHEREAS**, on March 30, 2020, Governor Henry D. McMaster issued Executive Order 2020-16, by which he declared “any and all public beach access points, to include

any adjacent or associated public parking lots or other public facilities, shall be closed to public access for recreational purposes for the duration of the State of Emergency; and,

**WHEREAS**, in the absence of an Order of the Governor of South Carolina addressing the short term rental of real property or rooms in South Carolina, and on Hilton Head Island, the Town Council is urging the voluntary cooperation of all businesses and individuals who are in any business engaged in the short term rental of real property or rooms on Hilton Head Island to not book any reservations through April 30, 2020, and to refrain from advertising or targeting promotional materials to areas .

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT, AND IT HEREBY IS, RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA, AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The Town Council hereby advises and urges all businesses and individuals including rental agencies, real estate companies, hotels, motels and individuals who rent through any online or other agency, such as VRBO, Air B and B and the like, to voluntarily stop taking reservations through April 30, 2020.
2. The Town Council advises and urges the businesses and individuals identified above refrain from advertising in or targeting any promotional materials to areas hard hit by COVID-19 through April 30, 2020.
3. The Town Council advises and urges the businesses and individuals identified above to notify any person inquiring about short term rental of real property or rooms to notify such persons of the state of closures of beaches, public parks, restaurants and other facilities on Hilton Head Island.

**MOVED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 30th DAY OF MARCH,  
2020.**

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**John J. McCann, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Krista M. Wiedmeyer, Town Clerk**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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**Curtis L. Coltrane, Town Attorney**

**Introduced by Council Member:** \_\_\_\_\_