

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA, MAINTAINING CLOSURES OF TOWN BEACH PARKING AREAS AND PUBLIC PARKS UNTIL APRIL 30, 2020 AND PROVIDING FOR GUIDANCE ON THE TYPES OF APPROPRIATE ACTIVITIES THAT CAN OCCUR IN THESE AREAS ONCE THEY HAVE BEEN REOPENED TO PUBLIC USE

WHEREAS, On March 16, 2020, our Mayor, under the authority of § 7-7-20, *Municipal Code of the Town of Hilton Head Island* (1983), declared that a State of Emergency exists throughout the Town as a result of impacts arising from the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 30, 2020 Governor of South Carolina Henry McMaster issued Executive Order 2020-16 and by which he declared that “any and all public beach access points, to include any adjacent or associated public parking lots or facilities, shall be closed to public access for recreational activities for the duration of the State of Emergency”; and

WHEREAS, on March 30, 2020 the Town Council for Hilton Head Island adopted Resolution 2020-06 which closed all Town owned parking lots through April 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on April 20, 2020 Governor McMaster issued Executive Order 2020-28 delegated extraordinary emergency powers to local governments to combat the spread COVID-19 which include the ability to continue to regulate areas of public property within the Town to include public beach access points; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Town that this declaration be considered and approved by the Town Council, and that it be put into effect; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor is authorized by § 7-7-20, *Municipal Code of the Town of Hilton Head Island* (1983), to impose additional restrictions as may be necessary to appropriately respond to the State of Emergency; and

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 parking lots for all Town owned parks and beach accesses will remain closed through April 30, 2020. The park areas, beaches accesses, and beach access amenities such as restrooms will remain closed through April 30, 2020. This prohibition shall also include all public parking spaces on Burkes Beach Road which are declared to be closed through April 30, 2020.
2. All private property owners’ associations and private clubs are urged to continue their voluntarily closure of any parking lots that facilitate beach access through April 30, 2020.
3. The Town Council will conduct a Special Meeting on April 28th at 2:00 PM to revisit these restrictions and will also review the status of existing public health conditions.

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

John J. McCann, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____
Krista M. Wiedmeyer, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Curtis L. Coltrane, Town Attorney

Introduced by Council Member: William Harkins