

TOWN OF KIAWAH ISLAND

ORDINANCE 2020-01

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF KIAWAH ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA TO DECLARE A STATE OF EMERGENCY, TEMPORARILY SUSPEND THE NORMAL OPERATING PROCEDURES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS, AND TAKE ADDITIONAL MEASURES TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC

The Town Council of the Town of Kiawah Island, South Carolina, duly assembled, hereby ordains that the following Emergency Ordinance be adopted pursuant to South Carolina Code § 5-7-250:

WHEREAS, it is well recognized that SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes the disease COVID-19, presents a public health concern that requires extraordinary protective measures and vigilance; and

WHEREAS, these matters have taken many forms across the nation including travel bans, school closures, individual quarantines, and cancellation of major events, among other measures; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of South Carolina declared a State of Emergency on March 13, 2020, to enhance the state's response to the COVID-19 virus's impact on the state; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Kiawah Island is working with other government agencies in an effort to prevent the spread of disease; and

WHEREAS, Section 5-7-250 of the South Carolina Code of Laws empowers Council to enact emergency ordinances affecting life, health, or safety; and

WHEREAS, in light of the foregoing, Town Council of the Town of Kiawah Island deems it proper and necessary to adopt this emergency ordinance in order to address how the Town and Council will proceed in light of the above emergency;

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

1. The following emergency procedures are hereby adopted and to remain in effect until May 22, 2020, unless otherwise noted, subject to termination, amendment, or extension by Council:
2. Council formally adopts the Mayor's Proclamation of Emergency dated March 19, 2020 and the measures contained therein. Council also confirms that the Mayor, or the Mayor Pro Tempore in his absence, can exercise the emergency powers granted to the Mayor pursuant to Town of Kiawah Island Ordinance § 2-208.
3. All Town meetings scheduled for March are canceled or postponed.

4. Town Council members and staff will be authorized during this State of Emergency to attend meetings of Council via teleconference at their discretion.
5. The public will not be allowed to attend Council meetings, or any other Town meetings, in person. Meetings will still be live-streamed. Measures will be taken to enable the public to submit comments prior to any meeting by emails, which will be included in the public record of the meeting.
6. The Town Administrator is authorized to develop and enact a plan to ensure continuity in the delivery of government services in light of the COVID-19 outbreak.
7. The Mayor is authorized to take protective measures for the protection of the public health.
8. The property manager or owner of a Short-Term Rental (STR) is prohibited from accepting new reservations for a Short-Term Rental stay with the first day of occupancy commencing on March 25, 2020, through April 15, 2020.
9. Violators of the STR moratorium, as described above, would violate the Town of Kiawah Island Municipal Code Ordinance Section 14-507, et seq.
10. Town Hall is closed and moved to a virtual, phone, and online operation until further notice.
11. This emergency ordinance shall be terminated or extended by the issuance of another ordinance or shall automatically expire on May 22, 2020.

MOVED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 25th DAY OF MARCH, 2020.

Craig Weaver, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____
Petra Reynolds, Town Clerk

1st Reading: March 25, 2020

No Second Reading per S.C. Code § 5-7-250