

a. A quorum of the members is physically present at Town Hall, and remains present throughout the meeting. Members attending remotely shall not be counted toward the quorum required to conduct town business. (“It shall be necessary that four (4) councilmembers be present to constitute a quorum.” §2-38, Surfside Beach Code.)

b. The Mayor or presiding officer is physically present.

c. The Clerk shall poll members to confirm attendance by way of electronic media. Members who attend remotely during this Emergency shall be considered present at the meeting and shall have all of powers regularly held, with the exception of being counted toward quorum.

d. The member(s) attending by telephone can hear all comments made by the public, staff, and other members.

e. Each of the members and staff can hear the comments, motions and vote(s) of the member(s) attending such meeting telephonically, and such shall be capable of being recorded for preparation of minutes.

II. Emailed Public Comment. For those public meetings held at Town Hall for which the meeting agenda contains a period of public comment, any citizen, business proprietor, or property owner in the Town may offer public comment, pursuant to the requirements and limitations under Chapter Two of the Surfside Beach Code, by emailing the comment to the Town Clerk, clearly marked for public comment at a designated meeting, per instructions placed on www.surfsidebeach.org.

III. Suspension of Local Provisions. During the period of effectiveness of this Emergency Ordinance, any ordinance, resolution, policy, or bylaw that conflicts with it is temporarily suspended to the limited extent necessary to implement the terms of this Emergency Ordinance. Specifically suspended are:

a. “all actions of council shall be by a majority of members present... and “No member of council...shall vote by...telephone...electronic, or absentee vote.”§2-42(a) and (f); and

b. “The speaker must identify himself or herself, speak from the podium” and “speakers shall not...speak or read letters on behalf of another person.” §2-54 and 2-54(c)

IV. Effective Date; Expiration. The provisions hereof shall be effective upon a single hearing and shall expire on the sixty-first day following passage.

DONE AS AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE, and approved by Town Council duly assembled by no less than an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the governing body present.

BE IT ORDERED AND ORDAINED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Surfside Beach, South Carolina, in assembly and by the authority thereof, this 9th day of February, 2021.

Bob Hellyer, Mayor

Debbie Scoles, Mayor Pro Tempore

Bruce Dietrich, Town Council

David Pellegrino, Town Council

Paul Holder, Town Council

Cindy Keating, Town Council

Michael Drake, Town Council

Attest:

Sheri Medina, Town Clerk