

**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA) EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE BEACH
TO EXTEND BUSINESS LICENSE RENEWALS / PENALTY.**

COUNTY OF Horry)

TOWN OF SURFSIDE BEACH)

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, The Governor of South Carolina declared that a State of Emergency exists in South Carolina related to the Coronavirus ("COVID-19"); and

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2020, the Town Council for the Town of Surfside Beach declared a public emergency affecting life, health, and safety exists; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, Governor Henry McMaster issued Executive Order 2020-10, directing closure of on-premises service of all restaurants and foodservice establishments; and

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2020, the Town Council for the Town of Surfside Beach passed an Emergency Ordinance effective March 28, 2020, restricting short-term rentals in the Town; and

WHEREAS, on April 3, 2020, Governor Henry McMaster issued Executive Order 2020-18, directing many specified non-essential businesses closed to public access; and

WHEREAS, on April 6, 2020, Governor Henry McMaster issued Executive Order 2020-21, restricting the public to "Home or Work," or distancing and travel restrictions limited to Essential Business, Activity, or Critical Infrastructure Operations; and

WHEREAS, these health and safety measures impact residents and local businesses; and

WHEREAS, The Town Council of the Town on Surfside Beach values its local businesses and acknowledges grave economic hardships faced by many local businesses holding of valid Town business licenses;

WHEREAS, South Carolina law permits the Town to enact emergency ordinances to meet public emergencies affecting life, health, safety, and property upon a single reading, provided that such emergency ordinance shall expire automatically on the sixty-first day following its enactment;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it hereby ordained by the Town Council of the Town of Surfside Beach as follows:

I. Business Licenses. Existing businesses holding valid Town of Surfside Beach business licenses due for renewal are entitled to an extension for the due date for renewal applications until June 30, 2020. Furthermore, any late fees due and owing to the Town from the Declaration of Emergency are hereby waived until June 30, 2020.

II Suspension of Local Provisions. During the period of effectiveness of this Emergency Ordinance, any ordinance, resolution, policy, or bylaw that conflicts with it is suspended.

III. Effective Date; Expiration. The provisions hereof shall be effective upon a single hearing and two-thirds vote of the Governing Body, and shall expire on the sixty-first day following the effective date hereof.

DONE AS AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AT A SPECIAL MEETING, 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, this 14th day of April 2020.

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 14th day of April 2020.

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