

Village of Bald Head Island

Proclamation of State of Emergency

WHEREAS, COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) is a respiratory disease that may be spread from person to person and which can result in serious illness or death; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a Public Health Pandemic of International Concern on March 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services has declared a public health emergency in the United States related to COVID-19 under Section 319 of the Public Health Service Act and the United States Centers for Disease Control has reported that COVID-19 poses a high public health threat to the United States and has deemed it necessary to prohibit or restrict travel to and from the United States; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services has confirmed, as of the date of this proclamation, that there are over 100 known cases of COVID-19 in the State of North Carolina, including in Brunswick County, with that number expected to grow; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of North Carolina has declared a State of Emergency for the State of North Carolina pursuant to G.S. 166A-19.3 as the result of the public health emergency posed by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Chapters 160A, 166A and 14 of the North Carolina General Statutes, as well as Chapter 8 of the Village Code of Ordinances, authorize the Village of Bald Head Island to proclaim the existence of a State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 8 of the Village code of Ordinances, the Mayor or his designee is authorized to proclaim the existence of a State of Emergency and to declare orders for evacuation, curfew and various other restrictions and prohibitions; and

WHEREAS, the spread of COVID-19 is a public health incident that poses an imminent threat to the life, safety, health, and welfare of the residents, visitors and the public within the Village; and

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in the Mayor by Chapters 160A, 166A and 14 of the North Carolina General Statutes, as well as Chapter 8 of the Village Code of Ordinances, I, J. Andy Sayre, Mayor of the Village of Bald Head Island, do hereby proclaim the existence of a **State of Emergency** for the Village of Bald Head Island.

I further proclaim and hereby impose the following orders, prohibitions and restrictions:

- 1) **Discontinuance of All Short-term Rental Operations:** All rental agencies and property owners that rent properties on Bald Head Island are instructed to have all current renters, for a rental period of less than 3 months' duration, and their invitees vacate the premises and leave

leave the Island by not later than 2 PM on Sunday, March 22, 2020. Effective immediately, there will be no new rental occupancies of any nature or duration allowed on the Island.

- 2) **Restricted Access:** Only property owners and residents, business owners and their respective employees and contractors, and municipal employees and contractors shall be admitted to the Island after 6:00 PM today, March 19, 2020.

- 3) **Village Operations:** The Village Manager, Assistant Manager or their designee are hereby authorized to take all lawful actions necessary to manage the Village during this State of Emergency, including, without limitation, procuring goods and services necessary to manage this emergency and adjustment of hours, access, and operation of all government operations, Village-owned facilities, roads, rights-of-way, and parks, as deemed reasonably necessary to restrict the spread of COVID-19 and protect Island residents, the public and municipal employees.

This Proclamation is effective upon signature. Unless and until further notice is given, these restrictions will remain in place through Thursday April 30, 2020. On or before that date the Mayor, or his designee, will reassess the situation and make any necessary amendments or revocations.

This the 19th day of March, 2020.

ATTEST:


Daralyn Spivey
Village Clerk




J. A. Sayre
Mayor