



**TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL EMERGENCY MEETING
SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2020 @ 2:00PM**

**PAWLEYS ISLAND NATURE PARK GAZEBO
PAWLEYS ISLAND, SC 29585**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
2. Emergency Ordinance 2020-01: An Emergency Ordinance regarding COVID-19.
- 3. ADJOURNMENT**

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ORDINANCE NO. 2020-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PAWLEYS ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO DECLARE A STATE OF EMERGENCY, TEMPORARILY SUSPEND THE NORMAL OPERATING PROCEDURES OF PAWLEYS ISLAND TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS AND TAKE ADDITIONAL MEASURES TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC.

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, 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 Pawleys Island is threatened by COVID-19 because of the apparent ability of the virus to spread rapidly among humans, and COVID-19 thereby constitutes a clear and present threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens and visitors

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 Pawleys 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 ORDAINED that the following emergency procedures are hereby adopted for a period of sixty-one (61) days, subject to termination or extension by Council:

1. The Town of Pawleys Island temporarily suspends the normal operating procedures of Town Council meetings and hereby allows for the Mayor and Council members to remotely participate in voting and operational procedures by telephone or other means of electronic communication provided that the provisions of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act are complied with.
2. Town Hall is closed and moved to a virtual and phone operation until further notice.
3. All deadlines imposed by Town Ordinance shall be suspended until June 1, 2020 and waive penalties and fines.
4. The Town Administrator is authorized to develop and enact a plan in order to ensure continuity in the delivery of government services in light of the COVID-19 outbreak.
5. All public gatherings of any type, whether organized or otherwise, of greater than 10 persons are prohibited.
6. Reserve the right to impose further restrictions deemed necessary as the Pandemic progresses.

This emergency ordinance shall be terminated by the issuance of another ordinance or shall automatically expire on the 61st day after enactment of this ordinance, whichever date is earlier.

Adoption of the foregoing Ordinance moved by _____ and seconded by _____ and after discussion and call to vote thereon, the vote was as follows:

Those in favor:

Those opposed:

BRIAN HENRY, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
RYAN FABBRI, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR