

## EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 2021-01

### AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PAWLEYS ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO DECLARE AND CONTINUE 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**, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared a world-wide pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a National Emergency for the United States and its territories in an effort to reduce the spread of the virus; 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. This Emergency Ordinance 2021-01 replaces Emergency Ordinance 2020-11 effective Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 12:01am.
2. The Town of Pawleys Island temporarily suspends the normal operating procedures of Town Council meetings, board, commission, committee or other similar meetings and hereby allows for their 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.
3. Town staff and law enforcement are specifically instructed to continue to enforce the provisions of the Governor's Executive Orders in connection with the present State of Emergency.

4. Town Council hereby urges all residents and visitors to the Town of Pawleys Island to limit social interaction, practice “social distancing” in accordance with CDC guidelines and the Governor’s Executive Orders and take every possible precaution to avoid potential exposure to, and slow the spread of, COVID-19.
5. The Town Administrator is authorized to temporarily alter open hours and methods of service to Town Hall in order to ensure continuity in the delivery of government services in light of the COVID-19 outbreak.

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 Rocky Holliday and seconded by Sarah Zimmerman and after discussion and call to vote thereon, the vote was as follows:

Those in favor: Ashley Carter, Sarah Zimmerman, Rocky Holliday, Guerry Green, Brian Henry

Those opposed: None

  
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BRIAN HENRY, MAYOR

ATTEST:   
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RYAN FABBRI, ADMINISTRATOR