

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE 2020-05

COUNTY OF CLARENDON)

CLARENDON COUNTY COUNCIL DECLARATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY IN RESPONSE TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY THREAT OF THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (“COVID-19”), EFFECTIVE MAY 11, 2020

WHEREAS, the Governor of South Carolina, by Executive Order 2020-08 and subsequent Orders, has declared that a state of emergency exists and by virtue of the threat posed by the Novel Coronavirus (“COVID-19”); and

WHEREAS, Clarendon County has taken, and must continue to take, all necessary and appropriate actions in proactively preparing for and promptly responding to the COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, as cases of COVID-19 and deaths related to COVID-19 continue to increase in Clarendon County, causing an imminent threat to the citizens of Clarendon County, it is necessary for the county to implement emergency planning for anticipated problems and prepare for emergency actions needed to confront the challenge of this public health emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, in accordance with the South Carolina Code of Laws Title 4, Article 9, Section 130, Clarendon County declares that a state of emergency exists, and that the threat thereof is imminent, and extraordinary emergency measures are deemed necessary to cope with the existing and anticipated situation. Clarendon County has implemented a COVID-19 operation plan effective May 11, 2020, until further notice.

1. The County Administrator is authorized to take any necessary actions for protections of the health, safety and welfare of Clarendon County citizens and visitors including but limited to the following:
 - a. Utilize all available resources of county and municipal government as reasonably necessary to cope with the COVID-19 emergency;
 - b. Transfer the directions, personnel or functions of the county departments and agencies or units thereof for purposes of facilitating or performing emergency services as necessary and desirable; and
 - c. Contract, requisition and compensate for goods and services from private sources; and
 - d. Prescribe routes, modes of transportation and destinations in connection with evacuations or relocations, if any; and
 - e. Suspend or limit nonemergency activities and prohibit public assemblies; and
 - f. Any and all other actions deemed necessary for the preservation of the health, safety and welfare of citizens, residents, and visitors of Clarendon County, South Carolina.

2. Emergency Ordinance 2020-04, adopted by Clarendon County Council on March 18, 2020, shall remain in effect until emergency conditions associated with COVID-19 have subsided and the emergency activities in Clarendon County are no longer necessary to protect the life and property of our citizens, or upon the sixty-first (61st) day after the effective date of this emergency declaration.
3. This declaration is effective immediately and shall remain in force until emergency conditions associated with COVID-19 have subsided and the emergency activities in Clarendon County are no longer necessary to protect the life and property of our citizens, or upon the sixty-first (61st) day after the effective date of this emergency declaration.

Effective the 11th day of May 2020 in the County of Clarendon, State of South Carolina.



CLARENDON COUNTY COUNCIL

BY: 
Dwight L. Stewart, Chairman

ATTEST:


Dorothy Levy, Clerk to Council