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Whereas, on March 19 2020, I as Mayor of the Town of Emerald Isle declared a state of emergency within the city limits of the town as a result of the threat to the health, safety and welfare of the community from the coronavirus (COVID 19) pandemic; and

Whereas, subsequently, public health authorities at the local, state and national levels have urged citizens to stay home as a means of slowing or thwarting the spread of the virus; and

Whereas, subsequently, the Governor of North Carolina has issued a mandatory shelter in place order; and

Whereas, the Town of Emerald Isle is a resort community attractive to many visitors, and to accommodate such visitors, hotels, motels and some owners of dwellings provide accommodations to transient visitors; and

Whereas, transient visitors from areas in the state or nation with high infection rates, shall remain sheltered in their primary state or area of residence, so to limit the spread of the virus; and

Whereas, Carteret County has asked visitors to stay away from the county until the threat from the virus has passed; and

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to N.C. General Statutes §§166A-19.22 and 166A-19.31 and Chapter 7 of the Emerald Isle Town Code, I hereby Declare:

1. Prohibitions. Effective commencing at 11:59 PM on Friday, March 27, 2020 the following are prohibited:
 - a. The rental or occupation of a hotel or motel room.
 - b. The rental of a dwelling house, including a condominium unit, for less than thirty consecutive days.
 - c. The rental of an RV campsite, primitive campsite, or similar accommodation, for less than thirty consecutive days.
2. Expiration of Existing Rentals. Notwithstanding the prohibition in Section 1 above, current guests in a hotel or motel and renters in vacation rentals or other short term rentals may remain in occupation of their quarters for the duration of their existing rental agreements as long as they do not leave their quarters to travel back to their homes and then return to complete their rentals.

3. Exemptions.

- a. In the event first responders, medical professionals, and workers in roles identified in the federal critical infrastructure sectors (as detailed at <https://www.cisa.gov/identifying-critical-infrastructure-during-covid-19>) need temporary quarters while combating the virus in the course and scope of their work, they are permitted to enter short term rental agreements with hotel or motel operators or owners of vacation rentals or other short term rentals.
- b. Employees of contractors working on the Town's beach nourishment project may remain in their current quarters in hotels or motels or vacation rentals or other short-term rentals until the project is complete.
- c. Hotel and motel operators and owners of vacation rental dwellings and other short term rental dwellings may take reservations for periods of occupation to commence after April 29, 2020, subject, however, to the possibility that this supplemental emergency order will be extended to a time after April 29, 2020 and the occupation prohibited.

4. Duration. This Supplemental Emergency Order shall remain in effect until April 29, 2020. This order may be extended at any time. This order may also be rescinded or modified at any time.

5. Notice. As soon as practical, the Town Manager will cause notice of this Supplemental Emergency Order to be communicated to the hotel and motel operators in town, to the principal real estate companies who manage vacation rentals in town, to any owners of vacation rental properties the Town Manager is able to identify, and to the news media regularly covering the town.

This the 27th day of March, 2020.



Eddie Barber, Mayor



Attest: _____
Rhonda C. Ferebee, Town Clerk