

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
)
 COUNTY OF SALUDA) **Emergency Ordinance for COVID-19**
) **Amendment No. 4**

AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING A STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR SALUDA COUNTY DUE TO THE THREATS POSED BY THE 2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (“COVID-19”)

Whereas, the Governor of South Carolina, by Executive Order 2020-08 declared a state of emergency existed by virtue of the threat posed by the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (“COVID-19”) and has issued other executive orders extending the state of emergency; and

Whereas, Saluda County has taken and must continue to take, all necessary and appropriate actions in proactively responding to the COVID-19; and

Whereas, Saluda County continues to have COVID-19 cases causing an imminent threat to the health and safety of citizens and visitors to Saluda County, it is necessary for the County to continue emergency planning and take emergency actions needed to confront the challenges of this public health emergency.

Now, therefore, be it ordained, in accordance with South Carolina Code of Laws Title 4, Article 9, Section 130 and Saluda County Code of Ordinances Chapter 10, Section 10-35, declares that a state of emergency continues to exist, and that the threat thereof is imminent, and extraordinary measures are deemed necessary to cope with the existing and anticipated situation.

Be it further ordained, that the Saluda County Council hereby declares that an emergency continues to exist and orders the following:

- 1. The Saluda County Director is authorized to take any necessary actions for protections of the health, safety, and welfare of Saluda County citizens and visitors including but not limited to the following:
 - a. Utilize all available resources of county and municipal government as reasonably necessary to cope with the COVID-19 emergency; and
 - b. Transfer the direction, personnel or functions of county departments and agencies or units thereof for purposes of facilitating or performing emergency services as necessary or desirable; and
 - c. Implement the duties and functions assigned in the County Emergency Operations Plan; and
 - d. Modify personnel policies to ensure essential public services are met but also limiting unnecessary travel and protecting personnel by utilizing liberal leave for quarantine and isolation. The Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) signed into law by the President on March 18, 2020 and effective April 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 will be followed; and
 - e. Authorize remote access to the workplace by employees as assigned duties allow; and


- f. Temporarily suspend or alter board, commission, committee, or other similar meetings or authorize remote attendance electronically, temporarily alter open hours or close certain County facilities, temporarily suspend activities and programs including the organized use of county recreation facilities, and other temporary measures that prohibit the unnecessary congregation of people, including the closing of county facilities to members of the general public; and
- g. Authorize the County Director to suspend the procurement procedures for individual purchases and to implement alternative purchasing procedures; and
- h. Authorize the County Director to allocate funding to emergency expenditures attributable to the departments necessary during the state of emergency. Any emergency allocation will not require an ordinance and will be reflected in subsequent budget amendments; and
- i. Contract, requisition, and compensate for goods and services from private sources; and
- j. Prescribe routes, modes of transportation and destinations in connection with evacuations or relocations that have been ordered by the Governor of South Carolina, if any; and
- k. Suspend or limit nonemergency activities and prohibit public assemblies; and
- l. Implement curfews or quarantines to prevent the spread of infection; and
- m. Any and all other actions deemed necessary for the preservation of the health, safety, and welfare of citizens, residents, and visitors to Saluda County, South Carolina.

This ordinance shall remain in force until emergency conditions associated with COVID-19 have subsided and the emergency activities in Saluda 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 ordinance.

Effective this 3rd day of September, 2020, in the County of Saluda, South Carolina.

ATTEST:


Karen T. Whittle, Clerk to Council


Jerry Strawbridge, Council Chairman