



Town of Wrightsville Beach

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- **Temporary Suspension of Certain Short-term Rentals/ Honoring of Stay-At-Home Orders Issued in Other States and Countries:**

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For purposes of this Sixth Amended Declaration of a State of Emergency, "Lodging" shall include the following:

- c. Any hotel, motel, villa, condominium, inn, tourist court, tourist camp, campground, bed and breakfast, residence, or any place in which rooms, lodging, or sleeping accommodations are furnished to transients for a consideration; and
- d. Any vacation rental property or other short-term rental property that involves the rental of any house, condominium, room, or other dwelling unit for a period of less than ninety (90) days if such property is advertised, represented, or held out to the public as a place regularly rented to, or available for rental to, guests or if such property has been so advertised, represented, or held out to the public at any point during the preceding thirty (30) days;

This Section 1(1)S does not prohibit any individual, entity, or establishment from providing Lodging to the following:

- c. Individuals operating commercial vehicles transporting essential goods and products, such as food, water, medicine, medical supplies and equipment, fuels and petroleum products (to include fuel oil, diesel oil, gasoline, kerosene, propane, and liquid petroleum), livestock, poultry, feed for livestock and poultry, and crops and other agricultural products ready to be harvested (to include timber and wood chips); individuals employed by airlines; and individuals otherwise engaged in commercial transportation activities;
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- **Public Parking lots at Beach Access #2 at 2698 North Lumina Avenue (30 spaces), Beach Access #3 at 2406 North Lumina Avenue (30 spaces), Beach Access #16 at Stone Street (26 spaces), and Beach Access #36 at 650 South Lumina Avenue (85 spaces) are open to the public. Paid parking will be enforced at these locations. A map of the location of these parking lots is available on the homepage of the Town of Wrightsville Beach's website at www.townofwrightsvillebeach.com. All other Town parking lots will remain closed to the general public. Restrooms will remain closed.**
 - **With the exception of East Salisbury Street, all access points and beaches will be open for individual, non-stationary exercise activities to include only walking, jogging, swimming, and surfing/water sports.**
 - **All public on-street parking spaces are closed to the public for any use except where allowed as part of this State of Emergency Declaration. This includes all on-street parking spaces that are not obstructed by cones, barricades, or that have no parking bags on the meters.**
 - **Private parking lots may only be used in conjunction with parking for access to essential businesses that are open for business. In no event shall a private parking lot be used to park to access the beach.**
 - Sunbathing, sitting, fishing, games and all other activities will not be permitted on the beaches at this time
 - All beach equipment such as towels, blankets, chairs, tents, coolers, and umbrellas will not be allowed on the beaches at this time.

- Individuals participating in such exercise activities must follow strict social distancing measures
- No exercise group shall have more than 10 people.
- Lifeguards will not be on duty.
- Dogs are not permitted on the beaches.
- Public restroom facilities will remain closed.
- All parks will remain closed, with the exception of walk-in tennis court use.
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**DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY – SIXTH AMENDMENT
Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina**

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, March 10, 2020, Governor Cooper declared a State of Emergency to ensure that North Carolina was prepared and responding to the COVID-19 Virus; and

WHEREAS, on Friday, March 13, 2020, President Trump declared a National State of Emergency to address the COVID-19 Global Pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on Friday, March 20, 2020, Chair of the New Hanover County Board of Commissioners Julia Olson-Boseman declared a State of Emergency to address the COVID-19 Global Pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on Friday, March 20, 2020, I, Mayor F. Darryl Mills declared a State of Emergency for the Town of Wrightsville Beach to address the COVID-19 Global Pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on Monday, March 30, 2020, I, Mayor F. Darryl Mills amended the State of Emergency for the Town of Wrightsville Beach (First Amendment) to incorporate restrictions imposed by the State of North Carolina and New Hanover County to address the COVID-19 Global Pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on Monday, April 3, 2020, I, Mayor F. Darryl Mills amended the State of Emergency for the Town of Wrightsville Beach (Second Amendment) to incorporate restrictions imposed by New Hanover County regarding closure of public and private boat ramps and marinas to address the COVID-19 Global Pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on April 13, 2020, I, Mayor F. Darryl Mills amended the State of Emergency for the Town of Wrightsville Beach (Third Amendment) to incorporate the lessening of restrictions imposed by State of Emergency for New Hanover County such as opening marinas, boat ramps, and clarifying that the purchase of clothing is an essential item; and

WHEREAS, on April 19, 2020, I, Mayor F. Darryl Mills amended the State of Emergency for the Town of Wrightsville Beach (Fourth Amendment) that opened the beaches to individual, non-stationary exercise and restricted all on-street parking, private off-street parking and public parking lots; and

WHEREAS, on May 6, 2020, I, Mayor F. Darryl Mills amended the State of Emergency for the Town of Wrightsville Beach (Fifth Amendment) that extended the State of Emergency until May 8th at 5:00pm; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the above-described COVID-19 Pandemic, we have determined that there is an imminent threat of, or existing conditions have caused or could cause, widespread or severe dangers for the safety of the public, and the Town of Wrightsville Beach is taking preemptive measures to reduce the impacts of the virus; and

WHEREAS, declaring a State of Emergency and imposing the restrictions and prohibitions ordered herein are necessary to maintain order and protect public health, safety, and welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as the Mayor of the Town of Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina under Article 1A of Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes:

Section 1. The Town of Wrightsville Beach hereby extends the Town's State of Emergency beginning May 8, 2020 at 5:00 pm subject to the following mandatory restrictions:

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VIOLATORS OF THESE RESTRICTIONS ARE SUBJECT TO BEING CHARGED WITH A CLASS 2 MISDEMEANOR, A CIVIL FINE OF UP TO \$500 FOR EACH VIOLATION, AND THE TOWING OF NONCOMPLIANT VEHICLES.

VIOLATION OF THESE RESTRICTIONS MAY LEAD TO THE RE-CLOSING OF THE BEACH.

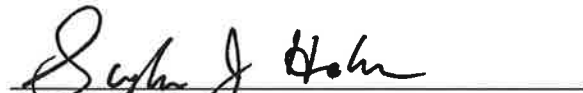
Section 1. This Sixth Amendment to the Declaration of a State of Emergency by the Town of Wrightsville Beach incorporates all Executive Orders signed by the Governor related to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Section 2. The emergency area covered by this State of Emergency shall be the Town's entire corporate jurisdiction and is in effect until May 20, 2020 at 5pm unless rescinded or amended.

DECLARED this the 6th day of May, 2020.



F. Darryl Mills, Mayor



Attest: Sylvia J. Holleman, Town Clerk