



**DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY – SEVENTH 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

- **All public on-street parking spaces are closed to the public.** This includes all on-street parking spaces that are not obstructed by cones, barricades, or that do not have “no parking bags” on the meters. There is some limited off-street parking available near businesses on Lumina Avenue from Columbia Street to Latimer Street and from Access #36 to Sunset Avenue. Paid parking will be enforced in these areas.
- East and West Salisbury Street Parking is closed to the Public. All Ocean Accesses located on East Salisbury Street are closed. All Town owned restrooms located on East Salisbury Street are closed.
- Town of Wrightsville Beach residents, with a current parking hang tag or tax decal, will be permitted to utilize public on-street parking, only if they have no access to parking on their private property.
- **Onsite Restaurant Dining.** The Town of Wrightsville Beach anticipates Governor Cooper will issue an Executive Order modifying the present prohibition of onsite restaurant dining. **Subject to the issuance of such an Order by the Governor in the future**, the Town of Wrightsville Beach hereby informs restaurant owners of the Town’s intention to implement the following guidelines for future restaurant operations so as to allow restaurant owners to prepare to reopen for limited onsite outdoor dining:
 - i. Restaurants with dedicated private, off-street parking may use up to 25% of the parking area for outdoor dining once permitted by the Governor;
 - ii. Outdoor dining is also subject to the approval of the New Hanover County Health Department, the NC ABC Commission, and any other Federal, State or County Agencies with jurisdiction over restaurant operations;
 - iii. To prevent undue noise at night, no customer(s) shall be seated after 9:00 pm and the outside dining area shall be free of all customers by 10:00 pm. This restriction is necessitated by the nature of outdoor dining and the proximity of most restaurants with the Town to residential neighborhoods.
 - iv. Any restaurant proposing to use up to 25% of their dedicated parking must first submit a zoning compliance application and site plan to the Town for review and approval. The site plan shall delineate the onsite outdoor dining area and be set up in a manner that shows safe separation of the onsite outdoor dining area from parking areas and driving aisles in order to keep patrons safe. The Town reserves the right to revoke approvals provided under this Seventh Amended Declaration of any and or all restaurants for any violation of this Section.

THE TOWN REITERATES THAT THIS SECTION WILL NOT BECOME EFFECTIVE UNTIL THE GOVERNOR MODIFIES THE PRESENT BAN ON ONSITE DINING .

- Dogs and alcohol are not permitted on the beaches.
- With the exception of the public bathrooms on East Salisbury Street, the public restrooms adjacent to public parking lots will be reopen on Friday, May 22nd.
- All parks will remain closed, with the exception of walk-in tennis court use.
- Contractors, landscapers, and essential employees that wish to park in an on-street parking space must purchase a parking pass from the Wrightsville Beach Parking Office located at 321 Causeway Drive in Wrightsville Beach. Office hours will be from 8am to noon on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. More information may be found at the Town's website (www.townofwrightsvillebeach.com) or by calling (910) 256-5453. The Parking Office will be selling contractor passes, resident parking passes and tax decals only. No other in-person business will be transacted.
- The entire State continues to be under restrictions mandated by the Governor's Executive Orders. Social distancing, crowd size limitations and other Executive Order restrictions will be strictly enforced.
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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 Seventh 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 10:00am on June 1, 2020 unless rescinded or amended.

DECLARED this the 19th day of May, 2020.



F. Darryl Mills, Mayor



Attest: Sylvia J. Holleman, Town Clerk