Whereas, on March 13, 2020 the Governor of South Carolina declared a State of Emergency to enable appropriate actions in preparing for and promptly responding to the threat posed by the 2019 Novel Coronavirus ("COVID-19"); and

Whereas, on March 27, 2020 the Governor of South Carolina issued Executive Order 2020-14 requiring that persons, other than individuals employed by airlines and individuals performing or assisting with military, healthcare, or emergency response operations, who enter South Carolina from an area with substantial community spread, including any of the states of Connecticut, New Jersey and New York and including the city of New Orleans, Louisiana isolate or self-quarantine for the shorter of a period of fourteen (14) days from the time of entry into South Carolina or the duration of their presence in South Carolina; and

Whereas, as of March 25, 2020 the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") announced expansion of its list of countries subject to its "Level 3 Travel Notice", that is countries experiencing widespread transmission of COVID-19, so that the list of countries of that CDC Notice became: Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Ecuador, European Union (Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain and Sweden), India, Indonesia, Iran, Israel, Japan, Malaysia, Pakistan, Philippines, Qatar, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Africa, South Korea, Thailand, Turkey, United Kingdom (England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales) and for which the CDC recommendation is that travelers returning from these countries should stay home for 14 days after returning from travel; and

Whereas, the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control ("SCDHEC") has published guidance for isolation in mitigation of COVID-19 cases to separate persons who are sick with the disease from persons who are not sick from the disease until a sick person is determined to be free of the disease and for self-quarantine in mitigation of COVID-19 spread to restrict movements of persons who were exposed to the disease for a period of fourteen days to determine whether they will become sick from that exposure; and

Whereas, the CDC has published guidance for practices to be followed by persons subject to isolation including: 1) stay home except to get medical care; 2) stay in touch with the treating doctor; 3) avoid public transportation; 4) stay away from other people in the isolation household; 5) wear a face mask unless it causes trouble breathing (caregivers should wear face masks if the sick person does not); 6) cover coughs and sneezes; 7) wash hands frequently with soap and water and avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth; 8) do not share personal household items such as dishes, drinking vessels, eating utensils, towels or bedding; 9) clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces in the isolation area; and 10) monitor symptoms; and
Whereas, the CDC has published guidance for practices to be followed by persons subject to self-quarantine in mitigation of COVID-19 spread including that such persons: 1) remain at home or in a comparable setting; 2) practice social distancing (minimum separation of six feet from other persons); 3) monitor for development of symptoms as determined by local priorities; and 4) postpone long-distance travel on commercial conveyances; and

Whereas, on March 17, 2020 the undersigned declared a State of Emergency to exist within the Town of Seabrook Island, South Carolina ("Town") to enable actions required to alleviate effects of the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

Whereas, under that State of Emergency the Town is empowered to take any lawful emergency response or action deemed necessary to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the Town of Seabrook Island; and

Whereas, pursuant to Section 2-27 of the Town Code for the Town of Seabrook Island, the undersigned is vested with the power to take such action as appears necessary to protect life and property and maintain peace and good order;

Now, Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the Town of Seabrook Island and in furtherance of Executive Order 2020-14 of the Governor of South Carolina ("Executive Order 2020-14"), I hereby order and direct as follows:

Section 1. I hereby direct that, for the duration of the State of Emergency declared to address spread of COVID-19 within the Town, persons arriving in the Town who are subject to the required isolation or quarantine of Executive Order 2020-14, isolate or self-quarantine in accordance with Executive Order 2020-14 while in the Town by following guidance for isolation and self-quarantine issued by SCDHEC.

Section 2. I hereby direct that, for the duration of the State of Emergency declared to address spread of COVID-19 within the Town, persons arriving from countries subject to the CDC Level 3 Travel Notice, whether such persons are residents of any of such countries or are residents of the Town who are returning from travel to one or more of those countries, isolate or self-quarantine in accordance with Executive Order 2020-14 by following guidance for isolation and self-quarantine issued by SCDHEC.

Section 3. I hereby direct that, for the duration of the State of Emergency declared to address spread of COVID-19 within the Town, all businesses, organizations and individuals doing business or otherwise providing any service for residents of the Town, all persons and entities owning property within the Town, and all persons occupying residential property within the Town that they do not own, and who are, on or after the effective date of this Order, in communication with persons who are or are expecting to be traveling from the areas subject to Executive Order 2020-14 of the Governor of South Carolina, including without limitation countries of the CDC Level 3 Travel Notice, provide those persons with the notice of required isolation or self-quarantine appended hereto.

Section 4. I hereby direct that violations of this Order shall be punishable in accordance with the provisions of Sections 1-7 and 2-27 of the Town Code for the Town of Seabrook Island.
Section 5. I hereby direct that each Code Enforcement Officer of the Town, whether engaged solely as a Code Enforcement Officer or otherwise engaged and duly commissioned by the Town as a Code Enforcement Officer, shall enforce this Order and shall, to the extent permissible under applicable law, cooperate with law enforcement officers of the State of South Carolina, or of any political subdivision thereof, in their enforcement of Executive Order No. 2020-14.

Section 6. This Order is not intended to create, and does not create, any individual right, privilege, or benefit, whether substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the Town of Seabrook Island, South Carolina, its agencies, departments or other entities, or any officers, employees, or agents thereof, or any other person.

This Order is effective immediately and, with the exception of Section 6, shall remain in effect for the duration of the State of Emergency within the Town to address spread of COVID-19 unless otherwise modified, amended, or rescinded by subsequent Order. Further proclamations, orders, and directives deemed necessary to ensure the fullest possible protection of life and property during this State of Emergency shall be issued by the undersigned as deemed appropriate.


Attest:

Joseph M. Cronin
Town Administrator

John Gregg
Mayor
NOTICE OF MANDATORY ISOLATION OR SELF-QUARANTINE

Executive Order 2020-14 issued on March 27 2020 by the Governor of South Carolina requires that, effective with that order and for the duration of the State of Emergency declared by the Governor on March 13, 2020, persons, other than individuals employed by airlines and individuals performing or assisting with military, healthcare, or emergency response operations, who enter the State of South Carolina from an area with substantial community spread, including any of the states of Connecticut, New Jersey and New York and including the city of New Orleans, Louisiana, isolate or self-quarantine for the shorter of a period of fourteen (14) days from the time of entry into South Carolina or the duration of their presence in South Carolina.

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control has defined “isolation” as a practice to separate persons who are sick with the disease from persons who are not sick from the disease until a sick person is determined to be free of the disease. The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control has defined “self-quarantine” as a practice to restrict movements of persons who were exposed to the disease for a period of fourteen days to determine whether they will become sick from that exposure.

Guidance from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for persons subject to isolation includes the following practices: 1) stay home except to get medical care; 2) stay in touch with the treating doctor; 3) avoid public transportation; 4) stay away from other people in the isolation household; 5) wear a face mask unless it causes trouble breathing (caregivers should wear face masks if the sick person does not); 6) cover coughs and sneezes; 7) wash hands frequently with soap and water and avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth; 8) do not share personal household items such as dishes, drinking vessels, eating utensils, towels or bedding; 9) clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces in the isolation area; and 10) monitor symptoms. Guidance from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for persons subject to self-quarantine includes the following practices: 1) remain at home or in a comparable setting; 2) practice social distancing (minimum separation of six feet from other persons); 3) monitor for development of symptoms as determined by local priorities; and 4) postpone long-distance travel on commercial conveyances.

The Governor’s Executive Order 2020-14 provides for enforcement by law enforcement officers of the State or any political subdivision of the State. Any person who willfully fails or refuses to comply with any lawful order of any law enforcement officer is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction must be fined not more than one hundred dollars or imprisoned for not more than thirty days.