

## **Town of Seabrook Island**

## Office of the Mayor

## **Executive Order No. 2020-01**

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, guidance from the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") reflects the conclusion that COVID-19 is spread from person-to-person between people who are in close contact with one another (within about six feet) and recommends that people avoid close contact by the practice referred to as "social distancing" that is, maintaining separation from others of at least six feet; and

Whereas, guidance from the CDC includes the recommendation to avoid social gatherings in groups of more than ten people; and

Whereas, on March 23, the South Carolina Governor issued Executive Order No. 2020-13 directing all law enforcement officers of the State or any political subdivision thereof to prohibit or disperse any congregation or gathering of three or more people, unless authorized or in their homes, if any such law enforcement official determines, in their discretion, that any such gathering of people poses a threat to public health;

Whereas, on March 17, 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, I hereby order and direct as follows:

<u>Section 1</u>. I hereby direct that, for the duration of the State of Emergency declared to address spread of COVID-19 within the Town, individuals within the Town are prohibited from congregating in groups of more than ten people while outside their homes.

<u>Section 2</u>. I hereby direct that, for the duration of the State of Emergency declared to address spread of COVID-19 within the Town, all individuals within the Town who are congregating in groups

of ten or fewer people while outside their homes shall practice social distancing by maintaining a minimum separation of at least six feet from one another.

<u>Section 3.</u> I hereby direct that the prohibition of Section 1 hereof and that the requirement of Section 2 hereof shall not apply to groups of individuals engaged in performance of their work within the Town.

<u>Section 4.</u> 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.

<u>Section 5.</u> 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. 2020-13 of the Governor of the State of South Carolina.

<u>Section 6</u>. 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 5, 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.

John Gregg Mayor

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE TOWN OF SEABROOK ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA THIS 2020.

Attest:

Faye Allbritton
Town Clerk