OPTION A

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA) EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE BEACH) COUNTY OF HORRY) COVID-19 (E.O. 04) TOWN OF SURFSIDE BEACH)

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, The Governor of South Carolina declared that a State of Emergency exists in South Carolina related to the Coronavirus ("COVID-19"); and

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2020, the Town council for the Town of Surfside Beach declared a public emergency affecting life, health, and safety exists; and

WHEREAS, on April 6, 2020, Governor Henry McMaster issued Executive Order 2020-21, restricting the public to "Home or Work," including six-foot distancing and travel restrictions limited to Essential Business, Activity, or Critical Infrastructure Operations; and

WHEREAS, on April 20, 2020, Governor Henry McMaster lifted the closure of public boat landings and beach accesses, effective April 21, 2020; and

WHEREAS, The Town Council of the Town of Surfside Beach values its citizens' health and the protection of individuals, families, and the general public, and wishes to continue to comply with and enforce the Governor's six-feet separation ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Town's public resources are dedicated to enforcement of the Governor's Orders and maintenance of safe social distancing, including on beaches and public property; and

WHEREAS, South Carolina law permits the Town to enact emergency ordinances to meet public emergencies affecting life, health, safety, and property upon a single reading, provided that such emergency ordinance shall expire automatically on the sixty-first day following its enactment;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it hereby ordained by the Town Council of the Town of Surfside Beach as follows:

- **I. Public Parking.** Paid public parking in the Town parking lots is temporarily suspended. Parking in Town of Surfside Beach parking lots offering paid parking is temporarily restricted to those holding and displaying valid Town of Surfside Beach parking decals. Signage necessary for notice to the public shall be erected.
- II. Surfside Beach will be opened with the following stipulations to help ensure the health and safety during the COVID-19 Crisis. Non-stationary exercise activities include walking, jogging, or riding bicycles. No sunbathing, sitting in chairs, lying on blankets, or grouping of three or more people. Social distancing must be utilized. No fishing or surfing will be permitted. All beach equipment such as blankets, towels, chairs, tents, and coolers will not be allowed at this time. Public restrooms will remain closed.
- **III. Suspension of Local Provisions.** During the period of effectiveness of this Emergency Ordinance, any ordinance, resolution, policy, or bylaw that conflicts with it is suspended.
- **IV. Enforcement.** The Town of Surfside Beach Police Department is authorized to enforce Executive Orders and ordinances during a declared emergency. Any person who violates such provision shall, upon conviction Chapter 8 of the Town of Surfside Beach Code of Ordinances, be punishable by a fine not exceeding \$500, imprisonment for a term not exceeding 30 days, or both, for each violation.

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V. Effective Date; Expiration. The provisions hereof shall be effective upon a single hearing and two-thirds vote of Town Council, and shall expire on the sixty-first day following the effective date hereof.

DONE AS AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE, and approved by Town Council duly assembled by no less than an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the Governing Body present.

BE IT ORDERED AND ORDAINED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Surfside Beach, South Carolina, in assembly and by the authority thereof, this 21st day of April, 2020.

Bob Hellyer, Mayor		
Debbie Scoles, Mayor Pro Tempore		Bruce Dietrich, Town Council
David Pellegrino, Town Council	_	Paul Holder, Town Council
Cindy Keating, Town Council	_	Michael Drake, Town Council
	Attest:	Sheri Medina, Town Clerk