

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
)
COUNTY OF DARLINGTON)

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 20-E11

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO EXTEND DARLINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL DECLARATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY IN RESPONSE TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY THREAT OF THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS ("COVID-19") ENACTED BY EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 20-E1 ON MARCH 17, 2020, AND EXTENDED BY EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NOS. 20-E3, 20-E5, 20-E7, AND 20-E9

WHEREAS, the Governor of South Carolina, by Executive Order 2020-08 dated March 13, 2020, declared that a State of Emergency exists by virtue of the threat posed by the 2019 Novel Coronavirus ("COVID- 19"); and

WHEREAS, Darlington County Council declared a State of Emergency with the approval of Emergency Ordinance No. 20-E1 on March 17, 2020, effective for the period March 17, 2020, through May 17, 2020, and extended the State of Emergency as follows:

<u>Emergency Ordinance</u>	<u>Approved</u>	<u>Period</u>
No. 20-E3	May 18, 2020	May 18, 2020 - July 18, 2020
No. 20-E5	June 29, 2020	July 19, 2020 – Sept. 18, 2020
No. 20-E7	Sept. 14, 2020	Sept. 19, 2020 – Nov. 19, 2020
No. 20-E9	Nov. 2, 2020	Nov. 20, 2020 – Jan. 19, 2021

WHEREAS, Darlington County has taken, and must continue to take, all necessary and appropriate actions in promptly responding to the COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, as cases of COVID-19 continues to increase, causing an imminent threat to the citizens and visitors of Darlington County, it is necessary for the County to continue emergency planning for anticipated problems, prepare for emergency actions needed to confront the challenges of this public health emergency, and utilize the County’s Emergency Operations Plan in response to and recovery from the public health emergency presented by 2019 Novel Coronavirus.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the governing body of Darlington County, South Carolina, the Darlington County Council, that in accordance with South Carolina Code of Laws, Title 4, Article 9, Section 130 and Darlington County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2 and Chapter 14, Darlington County declares that a State of Emergency continues to exist, and that the threat thereof is imminent, and extraordinary emergency measures are deemed necessary to cope with the existing and anticipated situation. Darlington County implemented the Darlington County Emergency Operations plan effective Tuesday, March 17, 2020, until further notice.

1. The County Administrator is authorized to continue take any necessary actions for the protection of the health, safety, and welfare of Darlington County citizens and visitors including but not limited to the following:
 - a. Utilize all available resources of county government as reasonably necessary to cope with the COVID-19 emergency; and
 - b. Transfer the direction, personnel, or functions of county departments and agencies or units thereof for purposes of facilitating or performing emergency services as necessary or desirable; and
 - c. Contract, requisition, and compensate for goods and services from private sources; and
 - d. Perform and execute measures as prescribed by Darlington County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 14 (Civil Emergencies), Section 14-5(c) (State of Disaster Or Emergency; Proclamation, Powers Of Council); and
 - e. Suspend or limit non-emergency activities and prohibit public assemblies; and
 - f. Any and all other actions deemed necessary for the preservation of the health, safety, and welfare of citizens, residents, and visitors of Darlington County, South Carolina.
2. This declaration shall remain in force until emergency conditions associated with COVID-19 have subsided and the emergency activities in Darlington County are no longer necessary to protect the life and property of our citizens, or upon the sixty-first (61) day after the effective date of this emergency declaration.

Adopted in meeting duly assembled this 5th day of January 2021, effective January 20, 2021, through March 21, 2021.

Attest: 
J. Janet Bishop
Clerk to Council


Chairman
Darlington County Council


Marion Charles Stewart, III
County Administrator