

EMERGENCY DIRECTIVE

WHEREAS, the respiratory disease referred to as novel coronavirus known as "COVID-19" is an infectious disease that can spread from person to person and result in serious injury or death; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared the outbreak of the virus a national emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2020, the Governor of Georgia declared a Declaration of Public Health State of Emergency of all counties in the State of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2020, the Chief Justice of the Georgia Supreme Court declared a statewide judicial emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Chief Judge of Superior Court on behalf of Chatham County Courts declared a Limited State of Judicial Emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Declaration of Emergency operated to implement the City's Disaster Recovery and Emergency Operation Plan as provided in Tybee Code Sections 18-1 et seq. and in particular Section 18-4(1); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has previously implemented the Emergency Powers under 18-1 et seq. following the Governor's Declaration; and

WHEREAS, in order to prevent or minimize the spread of the virus (COVID-19);

WHEREAS, all meetings of the City of Tybee Island throughout the emergency shall be conducted as fully as possible in accordance with all provisions pertaining to procedures, notice and transparency, however, in light of public gatherings the City will make every effort to continue to be as transparent as is possible consistently with recommendations of public authorities; and

WHEREAS, due to the closure of schools, spring break activities and the coronavirus spreading, there is an immediate need for emergency action for public health, welfare and safety.

IT IS DIRECTED That the following be implemented immediately and that notice thereof be published via all available means.

SEE ATTACHED

This Directive is effective immediately and will stay in effect until further notice.

This 20th day of MARCH, 2020.

CITY OF TYBEE ISLAND, GEORGIA

By: *Shirley Sessions*
SHIRLEY SESSIONS, Mayor

Attest:

Paul Bullin
City Clerk



ATTACHMENT TO EMERGENCY DIRECTIVE

The existing Emergency Declaration is amended so that:

1. the beaches of the Island and access thereto will be closed to the public commencing March 20, 2020, at 9:00 AM. This is to include the beaches along the Back River, North Beach, Main Beach, Savannah River and Lazaretto Creek entrance.
2. The public consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited.
3. Further, Staff is directed to make an appropriate Resource Request to all appropriate agencies including the Georgia Emergency Management Agency, Department of Transportation and all other appropriate authorities to authorize and assist in the closure or restriction of traffic onto and off of Tybee Island and to close the road as necessary.
4. At the direction of the City Manager or his designee, City parking lots shall be closed commencing on 3/20/20 at 9:00 AM.