

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR A CURFEW DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND TO IMPOSE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF CURFEW

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has declared a world-wide pandemic from the COVID-19 virus, which has brought death to thousands in the United States and over 100 in South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, there has been Presidential pronouncements and gubernatorial encouragement that citizens avoid being in groups of more than 3 persons, and that individuals should maintain a distance of at least 6 feet apart; the County of Hampton feels it is necessary to implement this emergency ordinance to enact a curfew to discourage public gatherings for the health and safety of the citizens of Hampton County; and

WHEREAS, Hampton County Council deems this an emergency as defined by S. C. Code Section 4-9-130;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL:

Section 1. A state of emergency exists in the County of Hampton that affects the health and safety of the people during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Section 2. A curfew is hereby imposed upon the County of Hampton from 9:00 p.m. until 5:30 a.m., during which it shall be unlawful for any person subject to the curfew to be present or travel upon any street, alley, roadway or public property, unless such travel is necessary to obtain medical assistance or travel to work as deemed essential by Executive Order of the Governor.

Section 3. Upon conviction of violation of any provision of this Ordinance, a person shall be subject to a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars, or imprisonment in jail for not longer than thirty days, or both.

Section 4. This ordinance shall expire 60 days from the date of its enactment. This ordinance only pertains to the unincorporated areas of Hampton County.

ADOPTED this 3rd day of April, 2020.

This Ordinance shall be effective 4th day of April, 2020.

Attest:

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Aline Newton, Clerk to Council

HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL

Clay Bishop, Chairman

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Charles H. Phillips, Vice-Chairman

Roy Hollingsworth

Ronald G. Winn

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This Emergency Ordinance 2020-006 has been reviewed by me and is hereby approved as to form and legality.

Algernon Solomons, Jr., County Attorney