

THE TOWN OF Batesburg-Leesville

A PROCLAMATION DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN THE TOWN OF BATESBURG-LEESVILLE DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE [COVID-19]

WHEREAS, the virus commonly known as COVID-19 has begun infecting South Carolina citizens; and

WHEREAS, reports from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [CDC] and South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control [SCDHEC] indicate certain actions are necessary to prevent the wide spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Governor has declared a State of Emergency exists within the State of South Carolina and has ordered that all public pre-schools, primary schools, secondary schools, technical colleges and public colleges and universities be closed; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Batesburg-Leesville is cognizant of COVID-19 being a highly contagious disease even for those individuals who are asymptomatic; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Batesburg-Leesville is responsible for meeting the problems and dangers to the Town of Batesburg-Leesville and its residents resulting from emergencies of any origin and may issue policies such as proclamations and regulations concerning emergency relief and related matters which, during an emergency situation, shall have the full force and effect of law; and

WHEREAS, a State of Emergency may be declared by the Mayor and /or Town Council if it finds an emergency has occurred, or that the threat thereof is imminent and extraordinary emergency measures are deemed necessary to cope with the existing or anticipated situation; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor, in consultation with Emergency Officials, the Chief of Police, Fire Chief, and Town Manager, determined that a State of Emergency exists in the Town of Batesburg-Leesville and that extraordinary measures are warranted in order to allow a proper response to keep citizens of the Town of Batesburg-Leesville safe; and

WHEREAS, Town Council desires to ratify and concur in the declaration of the Mayor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, by the Mayor of the Town of Batesburg-Leesville, that a State of Emergency exists in the Town of Batesburg-Leesville and, in accordance with Section 1-2-6 of the Batesburg-Leesville Town Code, hereby directs the Town Manager and appropriate emergency response personnel to take all necessary and appropriate measures to provide for the safety

of the General Public. Specifically, I direct that the Town Manager and appropriate emergency response personnel do the following:

1. Town Manager create and implement changes to the Batesburg-Leesville Personnel Policy allowing for individuals who are infected with COVID-19 or who have household members who are so infected to remain home and be placed on administrative leave with pay until they are COVID-19 free so as to protect other employees.
2. Town Manager to halt all Town employee non-essential travel outside of the Town of Batesburg-Leesville so as to lessen chances of being exposed to the virus.
3. Chief of Police to do all things reasonably necessary to enforce those things requested by our federal and state leaders.
4. Fire Chief to do all things reasonably necessary to protect his members from needless exposure while still ensuring emergency services will be provided to our citizens and visitors.


By this Proclamation the Mayor calls for a Special/Emergency Meeting of Town Council to held at 6:00 PM, Thursday, March 19, 2020.

PROCLAIMED by the Mayor of the Town of Batesburg-Leesville this 19th day of March 2020.


Lancer D. Shull, Mayor

ATTEST:


Judy E. Edwards, Town Clerk


Christian Spradley, Town Attorney