

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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COUNTY OF BARNWELL)

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE # 2020- 03- 365 '0'
AND RESOLUTION # 2020- 03 - 564 'R'
(COVID-19, State of Emergency)

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION TO DECLARE A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY IN BARNWELL COUNTY THEREBY AUTHORIZING THE ACTIVATION OF THE BARNWELL COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN AND PROCEDURES

WHEREAS, the Governor of South Carolina, by Executive Order 2020-08 has declared that a state of emergency exists by virtue of the threat posed by the 2019 Novel Coronavirus ("COVID-19"); and

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

WHEREAS, as cases of COVID-19 increase causing an imminent threat to the citizens and visitors of Barnwell County, it is necessary for the County to implement emergency planning for anticipated problems and prepare for emergency actions needed to confront the challenges of this public health emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, in accordance with South Carolina Code of Laws, Title 4, Article 9, Section 130, and BE IT RESOLVED, in accordance with South Carolina Code of Laws, Title 4, Article 9, Section 25, Barnwell County declares that a state of emergency exists, and that the threat thereof is imminent, and extraordinary emergency measures are deemed necessary to cope with the existing and anticipated situation. Barnwell County has implemented a COVID-19 operations plan effective Monday, March 16, 2020, until further notice.

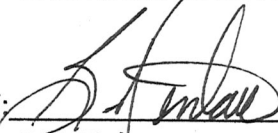
The County Administrator is authorized to take any necessary actions for protection of the health, safety and welfare of Barnwell County citizens and visitors including, but not limited to, the following:

- a. Utilize all available resources of county and municipal 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. Encourage all local governments to follow their FEMA Emergency Preparedness Plan and contractual obligations, including, but not limited to, retaining receipts related to the emergency; and
- e. Suspend or limit nonemergency activities and 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 Barnwell County, South Carolina.

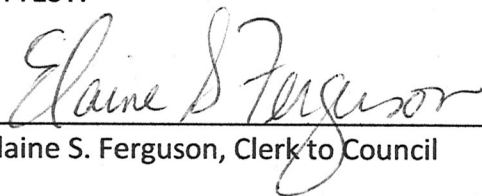
This declaration shall remain in force until emergency conditions associated with COVID-19 have subsided and the emergency activities in Barnwell County are no longer necessary to protect the life and property of our citizens, or upon the sixty-first (61st) day after the effective date of this emergency declaration.

Effective this 16th day of March, 2020, in the County of Barnwell, South Carolina.

BARNWELL COUNTY COUNCIL

BY: 
Ben Kinlaw

ATTEST:


Elaine S. Ferguson, Clerk to Council

