STATE OF	SOUT	'H CAROLINA	)	
			)	<b>EMERGENCY ORDINANCE</b>
COUNTY	OF	BARNWELL	)	NO.: 2020- <i>05-366</i>

## AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO EXTEND THE DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO

WHEREAS, Barnwell County, South Carolina has been and continues to be impacted by or immediately threatened by a public health emergency due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19); and,

**WHEREAS**, Barnwell County Council previously declared a State of Emergency which is set to expire on May 15th, 2020, and passed an Emergency Resolution allowing electronic meetings which is set to expire on May 22, 2020;

**WHEREAS**, local government has the responsibility to protect the public health, safety, and welfare and to mitigate the effects of such events.

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Barnwell County Council as follows:

- 1. That a State of Emergency and Emergency Resolution is hereby extended in Barnwell County due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19);
- 2. That the County Administrator, in cooperation with the Emergency Management Director, Law Enforcement Officials, and such other federal, state and local personnel as the County Administrator deems appropriate, is authorized and directed to take such actions as are necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of this Emergency Ordinance and protect the public health, safety and welfare. Such actions include, but are not limited to, developing, modifying and implementing a continuity of operations plan, and directing or redirecting personnel or functions of County departments and agencies for purposes of facilitating or performing County services and protecting the health and safety of County employees and the public so long as this State of Emergency may exist;
- 3. All agencies of Barnwell County shall cooperate to the fullest extent with the County Administrator and the Office of Emergency Management and shall provide such assistance as may be required for response to this emergency;
- 4. During the period of effectiveness of this Emergency Ordinance, any ordinance, resolution, or policy of Barnwell County that conflicts with the provisions hereof is hereby suspended and shall be superseded hereby;
- 5. This Emergency Ordinance shall be effective upon adoption and 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 following the effective date hereof.

Effective this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020, in the County of Barnwell, South Carolina.

**BARNWELL COUNTY COUNCIL** 

Ben Kirlaw, Chair

Attest:

Elaine S. Ferguson, Clerk to Counci