

Temporary Orders Issued Friday March 27, 2020

Note: This order amends the order issued on Thursday March 26, 2020 as indicated. Additions are shown as underlined text. Deletions are shown as cross-throughs.

1. All accommodations businesses in the City of Myrtle Beach, including hotels, motels, condo hotels, rental properties, inclusive of private management companies and Airbnb, VRBO style lodging, plus public and private campgrounds:
 - Shall not accept new reservations or extend current reservations for any period prior to May 1 effective immediately (such time limit is subject to further modification), except as indicated below.
 - Existing reservations made for a period beginning Saturday, March 28, 2020 through April 30, 2020 will be rescheduled or canceled.
 - ~~Those units consistently occupied since March 1, 2020 are exempt from the order but may not be joined by other occupants including friends and family members.~~
 - The following shall be exempted from the restrictions shown above:
 - Those units which have been consistently occupied since March 1, 2020, as long as the occupants of these units are not joined by other occupants including friends and family members.
 - Travelling medical staff.
 - First responders and other governmental employees only to the extent that such governmental employees are engaged in official business.
 - Persons making delivery of food, medical supplies, medicines, gasoline, and other critical supplies as necessary.
 - Myrtle Beach residents displaced by a fire as placed by the American Red Cross or Myrtle Beach Fire Department.
 - Myrtle Beach Residents displaced by act or threat of domestic violence as referred or placed by the Myrtle Beach Police Department.
 - Persons having a valid reservation prior to the effective date of this Order who otherwise would be rendered homeless.
 - All visitors who do not meet the above exemption must vacate the property by noon, Sunday, March 29, 2020.
2. All amusements and related services designed primarily to attract and accommodate visitors, are hereby ordered to close effective Friday, March 27, 2020, including but not limited to:
 - Movie and live performance theaters.
 - Mini-golf courses.

- Golf courses in the City limits are prohibited from allowing non-local play, including mini-golf courses.
- Moped and golf cart rental operations.
- Amusement parks and arcades.
- Jet ski rentals, beach umbrella and chair rentals; parasailing and banana boats rentals, and all other forms of commercial activity on the beach.

3. As ensuring public health is a shared responsibility:

- Our residents are requested to continue to wash or sanitize hands frequently, to frequently disinfect home and work surfaces that may lead to the spread of the coronavirus, and to practice even more stringent social distancing procedures.
- Businesses that remain open to the public are requested to:
 - Redouble all CDC and DHEC recommended sanitation and disinfection procedures, and to emphasize such procedures to their employees.
 - Establish safe distancing guidelines for all cashier and payment areas to encourage a separation of customers of at least six feet between customers.
 - Enforce six feet separation requirements whenever possible in waiting rooms, lobby areas, and workstations.
 - Encourage that business be conducted over the telephone or electronically whenever possible.
 - Establish special hours for senior citizens whenever possible.

4. Enforcement of Executive Order - Section 8-23 of the Code of Ordinances provides that the Police Department is authorized to enforce these Executive Orders during a declared emergency. In most such cases the Police are directed to seek voluntary compliance. As provided for in Section 8-23, however, failure to comply with such Order shall be guilty of a violation of this section of the City Code. Any person who violates any provision in this chapter shall, upon conviction, be punishable by a fine not exceeding \$500, imprisonment for a term not exceeding 30 days, or both.

Ordered on this 27th day of March 2020, at 6:00 PM.

John Pedersen, City Manager, City of Myrtle Beach