



## STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARED IN THE TOWN OF ATLANTIC BEACH

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined that the COVID-19 pandemic poses an imminent threat and that existing conditions have caused or could likely cause widespread or severe illness, or loss of life to our citizens, and therefore, I declare a State of Emergency in the Town of Atlantic Beach, North Carolina on this the 19th day of March, 2020.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, pursuant to the authority vested in me as the Mayor of the Town of Atlantic Beach under Article 1A of Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes and Chapter 7, Emergency Management, of the Atlantic Beach Town Code, Section 7-1, Determination of State of Emergency; Restrictions Authorized, a State of Emergency has been declared to exist in the Town of Atlantic Beach.

**Section 1.** A State of Emergency is hereby declared within the jurisdiction of the Town of Atlantic Beach.

**Section 2.** I hereby order all Town employees, Town Law Enforcement Officers, Town Fire and EMS Departments and Emergency Management Personnel subject to our control to cooperate in the enforcement and implementation of the provisions of this Declaration, all applicable local ordinances, State and Federal laws, and the Town of Atlantic Beach Emergency Operations Plan.

**Section 3.** I hereby order this Declaration: (a) to be distributed to the news media and other organizations calculated to bring its contents to the attention of the general public; (b) to be filed with Town Clerk and (c) to be distributed to others as necessary to ensure proper implementation of this declaration.

**Section 4.** This declaration shall become effective immediately and shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded.


**Section 5.** In an effort to curb the spread of the disease as well not overwhelm our local medical providers and facilities, we are discouraging entry into our Town by those who are not residents of, or property owners in the Town. While we realize that this decision comes with tremendous impacts and restrictions, we feel that discouraging travel to our Town at this time is in the best interest of public safety.

Atlantic Beach is prepared and ready to respond should COVID-19 be confirmed in our Town. We will continue to work with the Town's administrative staff and public health officials to educate residents and to keep our citizens informed on precautions to avoid contact and potential spread of the virus.

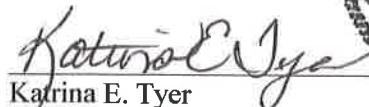
Additional information and recommendations can be found on the Town website: [www.atlanticbeach-nc.com](http://www.atlanticbeach-nc.com)

DECLARED this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020 at 3:30pm.



  
A. B. Cooper, III  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Katrina E. Tyer  
Town Clerk