

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA            )  
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TOWN OF BATESBURG-LEESVILLE    )                    COVID-19  
  EMERGENCY ORDINANCE  
  #2020-01

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

WHEREAS, reports from the Federal Centers for Disease Control [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 Council is responsible for meeting the problems and dangers to the Town on 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 has been declared by the Mayor and ratified by Town Council; and

WHEREAS, Town Council has been advised that certain actions must be taken to aid Town Staff and Emergency Services respond to this crisis;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Batesburg-Leesville, duly assembled, that due to the state of emergency which exists in the Town of Batesburg-Leesville that:

1. The Batesburg-Leesville Personnel Policy shall be changed to allow 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. All Town employee non-essential travel outside of the Town of Batesburg-Leesville is halted.
3. Procurement ordinances shall not apply to emergency supplies or needs that relate to Town response to the emergency.

4. Freedom of Information requirements for meetings shall not apply to emergency meetings which relate solely to the Town's response to the emergency.

5. Emergency meetings may only be called by the Town Manager, Assistant Town Manager, Mayor, or Mayor Pro Tem.

6. All Town buildings are closed to the public. There shall be no Town Facilities rented to the public.

7. No water services shall be terminated during the emergency unless requested by the named customer.

8. No permits shall be issued for any public gathering or yard sale.

9. The Batesburg-Leesville Police Department is empowered to enforce federal and state mandates which relate to the emergency and the Chief of Police will develop guidelines for doing so.

10. The Batesburg-Leesville Fire Department will do all things reasonably necessary to protect its members from needless exposure while still ensuring emergency services will be provided to our citizens and visitors. This shall include following any and all recommendations which are provided by SCDHEC or the State of South Carolina Emergency Management Division.

These provisions shall become effective immediately and shall stay in place until revised/removed by a further vote of council or upon the end of emergency situation.

ADOPTED by the Council of the Town of Batesburg-Leesville at an emergency meeting held this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020, at \_\_\_\_\_ pm by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present.

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**Lancer Shull, Mayor**

**Attest:**

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**Judy E. Edwards, Clerk/Treasurer**

**Emergency Meeting: March 19, 2020 at \_\_\_\_\_ P.M.**

**Approved as to form:**

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**Christian G. Spradley, Town Attorney**