Town of Meggett

Declaration of Emergency

TO ESTABLISH IN FURTHERANCE OF HEALTH, PUBLIC SAFETY AND WELFARE, AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TEMPORARILY PROHIBITING GATHERINGS OF 50 PEOPLE OR MORE IN PUBLIC INDOOR ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE TOWN OF MEGGETT TO SLOW THE SPREAD OF COVID-19. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS OF THE TOWN OF MEGGETT, ASSEMBLED:

Section 1: The Town Council of the Town of Meggett does hereby make the following findings of fact:

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a state of emergency to address the existing public health emergency associated with the coronavirus (COVID-19);

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of South Carolina declared a state of emergency in South Carolina pertaining to the COVID-19 public health emergency and on March 15, 2020 issued an order closing all schools in the State of South Carolina;

WHEREAS, the CDC has issued guidelines to mitigate the spread of the virus, including recommending on March 15, 2020 that for the next eight (8) weeks, in-person events that consist of 50 people or more throughout the United States be postponed or cancelled.

WHEREAS, Public Health officials and experts including those in the Charleston area have determined that the coronavirus is an imminent threat to the region;

WHEREAS, with 125 positive cases in South Carolina as of March 20, 2020 the possible increased threat from COVID-19 2 constitutes a threat of an imminent disaster to the health and welfare of the citizens of the Town of Meggett and surrounding areas;

WHEREAS, the President’s Coronavirus Guidelines for America: 15 Day to Slow the Spread revised March 16, 2020 state that individuals and organizations should cancel or postpone in-person events that consist of 10 or more people.

WHEREAS, Governor McMaster’s Executive Order 2020-10 issued March 17, 2020 includes further restrictions on public gatherings.
WHEREAS, as is necessary to slow the outbreak of COVID-19, the Town of Meggett recommends that all persons voluntarily restrict movement only to essential activities and observe social distancing when in public.

Section 2: Violation of this Ordinance is punishable by a fine of up to $500, 30 days in jail, or both.

Section 3: This Ordinance as amended shall become effective as of March 21, 2020 at 1:00 PM upon ratification and shall expire sixty (60) days after the date hereof or upon the termination of the state of emergency as declared by the Mayor, whichever is earlier. Ratified by Town Council this 21st day of March in the Year of our Lord 2020, and in the 245th Year of the Independence of the United States of America.

Mayor Harry V. “Buster” Herrington, III