



DECLARATION AMENDING ORDER OF APRIL 28, 2020 RELATED TO COMBATING THE SPREAD OF NOVEL CORONAVIRUS

WHEREAS, a Civil Emergency was declared by the Town of Ocean City on March 16, 2020, and seven emergency Orders were enacted to adopt Governor Hogan's executive order of March 16, 2020 and to adopt other local measures to protect those who live and work in Ocean City during this public health emergency;

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has declared COVID-19 a global health pandemic, the President of the United States declared the COVID-19 pandemic a national emergency, and Maryland received a Major Disaster Declaration from the Federal Government related to COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on April 24, 2020, Governor Hogan released "Maryland Strong; Roadmap to Recovery" which is the State of Maryland's path to gradually and responsibly reopening the State's economy while protecting public health and continuing to combat the COVID-19 pandemic. The Roadmap to Recovery lays out four building blocks that are necessary mitigation for the State to move towards recovery and divides the recovery plan into three phases.

WHEREAS, on March 22nd, March 29th, March 31st and April 28th additional Declarations were issued by the Mayor and City Council for the protection of the life, safety and welfare of the residents of the Town of Ocean City;

WHEREAS, as part of the Town's gradual reopening process, the April 28th Declaration will be amended as set forth below although those wishing to travel to the Town of Ocean City should remember that as of this date, the Governor's "Stay-At-Home" Order remains in effect;

WHEREAS, although this Declaration allows for the reopening of certain closures, the social distancing requirements of the April 28, 2020 Declaration which are not amended by this Declaration remain in effect and include maintaining physical distance on the Beach, the Boardwalk and at the Inlet Parking Lot. This means that social gatherings (which shall include community, spiritual, religious, recreational, leisure and sports gatherings and events) of more than ten (10) people are prohibited in all locations and venues.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD W. MEEHAN, Mayor of the Town of Ocean City, and pursuant to the power and authority of Town Code Sec. 18-1 – 18-4, do hereby enact the following Order on May 4, 2020, in furtherance of the Town of Ocean City's reopening:

Effective Saturday, May 9, 2020, the provisions of April 28, 2020 Declaration which closed the Beach and all access points, the Boardwalk and the Inlet Parking Lot are repealed. Those public facilities will be open. All other terms of the April 28, 2020 Declaration shall remain in place at this time, subject to amendment and additional Orders at the discretion of local authorities based on re-evaluation of the status of the public health emergency.

It is further Ordered that this Declaration be posted for public display at both City Hall and the Public Safety Building and be distributed to the news media.

AS WITNESS to my hand and official seal this 4th day of May 2020:




Richard W. Meehan, Mayor


Diana L. Chavis, City Clerk