

DECLARATION AMENDING ORDERS OF MARCH 16, 2020 AND REPEALING CERTAIN ORDERS 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, subsequent to March 16, 2020, five (5) additional Declarations were issued by the Mayor for the protection of the life, safety and welfare of the residents of the Town of Ocean City;

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; and

WHEREAS, the Governor lifted the "Stay-at-Home" Order on May 13, 2020, effective May 15th at 5:00 p.m., and issued an Order amending and restating his prior Order of May 6, 2020 which allows for the reopening of certain businesses and facilities.

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 14, 2020, in furtherance of the Town of Ocean City's reopening:

- 1. Effective Thursday, May 14, 2020, at 5:00 p.m., the provision of the April 28, 2020 Declaration which extended the prohibition of hotel, motels, vacation rentals and other commercial lodging establishments from renting to those individuals who were not "Essential Lodgers" (originally set forth by the March 31, 2020 Declaration) is repealed.
- 2. Effective Thursday, May 14, 2020, at 5:00 p.m., the provision of April 28, 2020 Declaration which required any Marylander or persons visiting Maryland who had traveled to/from New York or the Tri-State area to self-quarantine for fourteen (14) days is repealed.
- 3. The Order in the April 28, 2020 Declaration which prohibits social gatherings of more than ten (10) people remains in effect, as do the Orders set forth in the March 16, 2020 Declaration, except as permitted pursuant to the Governor's Order of May 13, 2020, which is subject to amendment.

These Orders shall remain in place at this time, subject to further 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 14th day of May 2020;

Richard W. Meehan, Mayor

Diana L. Chavis, City Clerk