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**SOUTH CAROLINA GOVERNOR’S EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-19
(EXTENDED THROUGH MAY 12) PREEMPTS CITY OF NORTH MYRTLE
BEACH SHORT-TERM RENTALS EMERGENCY ORDINANCE**

North Myrtle Beach, SC – April 28, 2020 – On April 3, 2020, the City of North Myrtle Beach adopted an Emergency Ordinance prohibiting short-term rentals and long-term rentals through April 30, 2020. However, on April 3, 2020 South Carolina Governor Henry McMaster issued Emergency Order Number 2020-19 prohibiting short-term rentals to persons from New York State, New Jersey, Connecticut and other areas “with extensive community transmission of COVID-19.” This Order, recently extended by the Governor on April 27, 2020 through May 12, 2020, specifically provides that the Governor’s Order supersedes and preempts the City’s Emergency Ordinance as it pertains to short-term rentals. Therefore, the Governor’s Executive Order 2020-19 currently controls short-term rentals in South Carolina.

The City’s Emergency Ordinance prohibiting long-term rentals only is effective through April 30, 2020.

Businesses and individuals involved in the short-term rental business and members of the traveling public should familiarize themselves with all of the Governor’s COVID-19 oriented Executive Orders and particularly Executive Orders Numbers 2020-14, 2020-19 and 2020-29. **To access these and other Executive Orders, please visit:**

<https://governor.sc.gov/executive-branch/executive-orders>

Please direct questions pertaining to the Governor’s Executive Orders to the Governor’s Office or the South Carolina Department of Health & Environmental Control (SCDHEC).

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