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Effective April 21 at 12:00 p.m. -- North Myrtle Beach Opens “Public Beach Crossovers and Accesses, Shower and Bathroom Amenities, and Adjacent Parking Lots”

North Myrtle Beach, SC – April 20, 2020 – Today, and effective April 21 at 12:00 p.m., Governor Henry McMaster cancelled his March 30 order that closed public beach accesses and adjacent public parking, returning authority for those areas to local governments.

During their April 20, 7:00 p.m. meeting, the North Myrtle Beach City Council passed a resolution opening “public beach crossovers and accesses, shower and bathroom amenities therein and adjacent parking lots”, effective April 21, 2020 at 12:00. The City continues to require beach-goers to practice social distancing; prohibits crowds or gatherings of three or more persons, except for family units; and prohibits partying and team games (volleyball, etc.).

“We are opening up our public beach accesses, associated amenities and adjacent parking lots so that people can enjoy some much needed sun and recreation along our nine miles of beach,” said North Myrtle Beach Mayor Marilyn Hatley. “This will work if beach-goers are responsible and caring of the next person as they enjoy the beach. We are not out of the woods yet in terms of COVID-19 but as our community has shown in the past before this virus arrived, each one of us is capable of monitoring our own behavior, and this is a positive move in the right direction.”

Beach Patrol Officers will be on hand along the beach.

The City’s prohibition on short-term and long-term rentals remains in effect through April 30.

Governor McMaster also allowed these stores to reopen: Furniture stores, home furnishing stores, clothing stores, shoe and clothing accessory stores, jewelry stores, luggage and leather goods stores, department stores, florists, sporting goods stores, book stores, craft and music stores. ###

RESOLUTION
A RESOLUTION TO REOPEN ALL PUBLIC BEACH CROSSOVERS AND
ACCESSES, AMENITIES THEREIN, AND ADJACENT PARKING LOTS

WHEREAS, the State of South Carolina has taken all necessary and appropriate actions in confronting the unprecedented and evolving public health threat presented by the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (“COVID-19”); and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of South Carolina on March 30, 2020 issued Executive Order Number 2020-16 closing all public beach crossovers and accesses, amenities therein, and adjacent parking lots; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of South Carolina has determined that due to the abatement of the virus and the need to begin the economic recovery process that certain restrictions may be lifted; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of South Carolina has determined that the closing of all public beach crossovers and accesses, amenities therein, and adjacent parking lots is an appropriate measure to safely undertake at this time; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of South Carolina announced today, April 20, 2020, that all portions of Executive Order Number 2020-16 having to deal with the closing of all public beach crossovers and accesses, amenities therein, and adjacent parking lots be rescinded; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of South Carolina has determined that the appropriate timing of these measures shall be determined by the individual municipalities involved; and

WHEREAS, the North Myrtle Beach City Council has determined that due to the abatement of the virus and the need to begin the economic recovery process that certain restrictions should be lifted; and

WHEREAS, the North Myrtle Beach City Council has determined reopening the public beach crossovers and accesses, amenities therein, and adjacent parking lots is an appropriate measure that can be safely undertaken at this time;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of North Myrtle Beach, in Council duly assembled that all public beach crossovers and accesses, shower and bathroom amenities therein and adjacent parking lots shall be reopened, effective April 21, 2020 at noon.

DONE, RATIFIED AND PASSED, THIS 20 DAY OF April, 2020.

ATTEST:

Allison K. Galbreath

City Clerk



Mayor Marilyn Hatley