

EMERGENCY COUNTY COUNCIL



AGENDA EMERGENCY COUNTY COUNCIL JUNE 25, 2020 12:00 PM

1. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT	- Report
2. CORONAVIRUS UPDATE	- Briefing
3. COVID SAFETY PRECAUTIONS RESOLUTION	- Request to Adopt
4. STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION	- Request to Consider

In compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, notice of meetings and agendas were furnished to news media and persons requesting notification. At this electronic meeting, the Chairman is present in the County Council Conference Room and other members of Council are present via videoconference. Charleston County's Procedures for Conducting Electronic Meetings are in place. To provide public access, this meeting is being live streamed on the Charleston County Government website and a public access dial-in number is in use.

At the Emergency County Council meeting of Thursday, June 25, 2020, staff will provide an update regarding COVID-19 in Charleston County.

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WHEREAS, it is well recognized that SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes the disease COVID-19, presents a public health concern that requires personal protective measures and vigilance; **and**,

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has spread across the State of South Carolina and the County of Charleston with the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) confirming the localized person-to-person spread of COVID-19, which indicates a significant risk of exposure and infection to Charleston County citizens; **and**,

WHEREAS, as of June 24, 2020, the total number of confirmed cases in Charleston County is 2,416, and the number of deaths in Charleston County related to COVID-19 is 21; **and**,

WHEREAS, we all have the responsibility to protect ourselves, our families, friends, and community; **and**,

WHEREAS, SCDHEC and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommend the following tips to protect yourself and your family:

- Practice social distancing (for example, avoiding crowded gatherings and staying at least six feet from others).
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- Cover your cough and sneezes with a tissue or use the inside of your elbow.
- Stay home if you are sick and avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily.
- Wear a cloth mask in public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that **CHARLESTON COUNTY COUNCIL**, does hereby encourage its citizens and visitors to follow the recommendations of SCDHEC and the CDC to help slow the spread of COVID-19 in Charleston County.

CHARLESTON COUNTY COUNCIL J. Elliott Summey, Chairman June 25, 2020

At the Emergency County Council meeting of Thursday, June 25, 2020, Council will consider an emergency ordinance to extend Charleston County's state of emergency due to the threats posed by the 2019 novel coronavirus ("COVID-19").