

**AN ORDINANCE
EXTENDING THE STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR CHARLESTON COUNTY
DUE TO THE THREATS POSED BY THE 2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (“COVID-19”)**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority granted to Charleston County Council (“County Council”) under S.C. Code Ann. § 4-9-130 and the provisions of the Code of Ordinances of Charleston County, South Carolina, Chapter 7, Emergency Preparedness, and the Charleston County Emergency Preparedness Plan, County Council adopted Ordinance #E-20-01 declaring a State of Emergency on March 17, 2020, (“Emergency Ordinance”); and

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2020, County Council adopted Ordinance #E-20-02 that extended the State of Emergency for an additional thirty (30) days and removed the limitation on the conduct and participation of councilmembers at Council meetings remotely (i.e., for the purpose of updates and briefings of Council) and on April 30, 2020, County Council adopted Ordinance #E-20-3 that extended the State of Emergency for an additional thirty (30) days, and May 30, 2020, County Council adopted Ordinance #E-20-4 that extended the State of Emergency for an additional fourteen (14) days, and on June 11, 2020, County Council adopted Ordinance #E-20-06 that extended the State of Emergency for an additional fifteen (15) days, and on June 25, 2020, County Council adopted Ordinance #E-20-7 that extended the State of Emergency for an additional fifteen (15) days, and on July 9th, 2020, County Council Adopted Ordinance #E-20-9 that extended the State of Emergency for an additional thirty (30) days, and on August 6, 2020, County Council adopted Ordinance #E-20-10 that extended the State of Emergency for an additional thirty (30) days, and on September 3, 2020, County Council adopted Ordinance #E-20-12 that extended the State of Emergency for an additional twenty (20) days, and on September 22, 2020, County Council adopted Ordinance #E-20-14 that extended the State of Emergency for an additional sixty (60) days; and

WHEREAS, County Council extended the State of Emergency due to the continuing potential health effects and health risks posed by COVID-19 and because COVID-19 poses an actual or imminent public health emergency for the citizens of Charleston County; and

WHEREAS, the potential health effects and health risks posed by COVID-19 still exist and COVID-19 continues to pose an actual or imminent health emergency for the citizens of Charleston County, therefore, Charleston County Council desires to extend the Emergency Ordinance for an additional sixty (60) days; and

NOW, THEREFORE, Charleston County Council hereby adopts the above-referenced recitals by reference as findings of County Council and extends the Emergency Ordinance for an additional sixty (60) days, unless sooner terminated by act of Charleston County Council.

If, for any reason, a court of competent jurisdiction invalidates any part of this Ordinance, the remaining portions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force.

THIS DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY enacted this 19th day of November, 2020.

CHARLESTON COUNTY

By: _____
J. Elliott Summey, Chairman
Charleston County Council