

**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, the Emergency Ordinance was due to expire after fifteen (15) days due to the 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 thirty (30) 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 thirty (30) days, unless sooner terminated by act of Charleston County Council. Provided however, the limitation on the conduct and participation of councilmembers at Council meetings remotely (i.e., for the purpose of updates and briefings of Council) shall be removed from the Emergency Ordinance and any extensions.

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 2nd day of April 2020.

CHARLESTON COUNTY

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