TOWN OF OCEAN RIDGE, FLORIDA EMERGENCY ORDER
RECOMMENDING AND STRONGLY URGING THE USE OF CLOTH FACE COVERINGS BY RESIDENTS AND VISITORS REGARDING COVID-19

APRIL 10, 2020

WHEREAS, Governor Ron DeSantis, issued on March 1, 2020, Executive Order Number 20-51, which established “COVID-19 Response Protocol and Directs Public Health Emergency” in response to the growing and significant outbreak of COVID-19 in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Governor Ron DeSantis, issued on March 9, 2020, Executive Order Number 20-52, which established a State of Emergency for the State of Florida declaring COVID-19 as a public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”), recommends community preparedness, everyday prevention and mitigation measures be taken by all individuals, families, and communities in the United States to combat the spread of COVID-19, included but not limited to social distancing; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Town of Ocean Ridge to use all available preventative and mitigation measures to combat the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Section 18-8 of the Town of Ocean Ridge Code of Ordinances authorizes, among other things, emergency procurement procedures during a State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 2020-08, adopted on March 26, 2020, the Town Commission gave authority to the Town Manager to declare a local state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Town Manager declared a Local State of Emergency on March 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the declaration of the state of emergency allows the Town Manager to take any and all actions deemed necessary to protect and preserve the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Town of Ocean Ridge and the public-at-large; and

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC"), it is critical to maintain 6-feet social distancing to slow the spread of the virus and persons should use cloth face coverings to slow the spread of the virus and help people who may unknowingly have the virus from transmitting it to others.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tracey Stevens, Town Manager of the Town of Ocean Ridge, County of Palm Beach, State of Florida, acting under the authority granted to municipalities by Florida Statutes 252.38, Executive Order 20-52 promulgated by Governor Ron DeSantis on March 9, 2020 and the authority granted me by Chapter 18 of the Town of Ocean Ridge Code
of Ordinances, hereby ORDER and promulgate the following Order for the Town of Ocean Ridge effective April 13, 2020 at 12:01 a.m.

Section 1. Order Recommending and Strongly Urging the Use of Cloth Facial Covering by Residents and Visitors.

a. Every person working, living, visiting or doing business in the Town of Ocean Ridge is recommended and strongly urged to wear cloth facial covering consistent with the current CDC guidelines while in a public place, in the public rights-of-way, or in the outdoor areas of any open construction site of the Town of Ocean Ridge.

b. For purposes of this Order, face covering is defined as a form of covering of the nose and mouth and shall include a face mask, a homemade mask, or cloth covering, including but not limited to a scarf, bandana, handkerchief, or other similar cloth covering.

c. All people should avoid the utilization of surgical masks or N95 rated masks as those are critical supplies for health care workers, police, fire, emergency management, or other persons engaged in life and safety activities.

Section 2. Exemption. This Order does not affect any town functions or be interpreted to include employees engaged in the operation of Town business.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Order shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on Monday, April 13, 2020, and shall remain in effect as long as the Town’s State of Emergency is in effect, as amended or extended.


ATTEST:
Katla Armstrong, Town Clerk

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By: Tracey Stevens, Town Manager