

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-9

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
 )  
 COUNTY OF CHARLESTON )  
 )  
 TOWN OF MCCLELLANVILLE )

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a severe acute respiratory illness that can spread among humans through respiratory transmission and other potential methods, and presents symptoms similar to those of influenza;

WHEREAS, in December of 2019, a new and substantial outbreak of COVID- 19 emerged in Wuhan, China, and has since spread rapidly to 117 countries and territories throughout the World, including the United States, and more specifically Broward County and 18 other counties in the State of Florida;

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared COVID-19 a pandemic;

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is predicting that it is likely that widespread transmission of COVID-19 will also occur in the United States;

WHEREAS, no vaccine or drug is currently available to cure or combat COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the Town of McClellanville is threatened by COVID-19, because of the apparent ability of the virus to spread rapidly among humans, and COVID-19 thereby constitutes a clear and present threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens and visitors of the Town of McClellanville;

WHEREAS, the CDC has issued guidelines for "community mitigation strategies " to limit the spread of COVID-19, including recommendations for social distancing, which has proven to be an effective method for containing COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the Town of McClellanville is working with other government agencies in an effort to prevent the spread of disease;

WHEREAS, Governor McMaster issued Executive Order 2020-57 extending the State of Emergency in this State on August 25, 2020, extending the State of Emergency an additional fifteen (15) days.

WHEREAS, Section 5-7-250 of the South Carolina Code of Laws empowers Council to enact emergency ordinances affecting life, health, or safety; and

8. Any violation of any rule or regulation issued and set forth herein shall be punishable as provided in Section 8.100: Disorderly Conduct of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of McClellanville.
9. As is necessary to slow the outbreak of COVID-19, citizens are requested to stay home and to voluntarily restrict movement to essential activities.
10. This Ordinance shall become effective as of September 15, 2020 at 12 am and shall expire sixty (60) days after the date hereof or upon the termination of the state of emergency as declared by the Mayor, whichever is earlier.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE TOWN OF MCLELLANVILLE, ON THE 14th DAY OF AUGUST, 2020.

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Rutledge B. Leland, III, Mayor  
Town of McClellanville

ATTEST:

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Clerk of Council

September 14, 2020

Adopted at Council meeting: September 14, 2020