

**TOWN OF LITTLE COMPTON'S DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY
AND RESULTING ADOPTION OF THIS EMERGENCY ORDINANCE**

On March 16, 2020, at the Little Compton Town Hall, Council Chambers, 40 Commons, Little Compton, Rhode Island, the Little Compton Town Council convened in a properly noticed emergency meeting. Members present were: President Robert Mushen, Vice President Paul Golembeske, Councilman Moore and Councilman Anderson. Absent: Councilor Mataronas.

The Town Council adopted the following resolution and unanimously voted as follows:

WHEREAS, the State of Rhode Island has declared a state of emergency due to the outbreak of COVID-19, as set forth in Executive Order 20-20 issued by Governor Gina M. Raimondo on March 9, 2020, and

WHEREAS, R.I.G.L. §§ 30-15-12(b) and 30-15-13 as well as Section 411 of the Little Compton Home Rule Charter authorize the Town Council President to declare a state of emergency in the Town of Little Compton in the event of, among other things, an event which endangers the public health and safety, and

WHEREAS, it appears that the public health and safety of the Town of Little Compton is in imminent danger due to the spread of the COVID-19 virus, including but not limited to the number of cases COVID-19 reported to date in Rhode Island.

NOW THEREFORE, I Robert L. Mushen, by virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the Little Compton Town Council, by and through Section 411 of the Little Compton Home Rule Charter, and R.I.G.L. §§ 30-15-12 (b) and 30-15-13, do hereby order and direct the following in this declaration of the Little Compton Town Council:

1. All license holders and for all license types are restricted from any and all "dining in" services as directed by the Governor of Rhode Island and any future directives that may be invoked by the Governor or any jurisdictional authority.
2. All license holders and for all license types are restricted from gathering more than twenty-five (25) persons at any one time as directed by the Governor of Rhode Island. This restriction and limitation on occupancy is in effect regardless of the licensed establishment's size or configuration.
3. All public meetings are hereby cancelled until further notice and will be rescheduled. In the event of time sensitive business, the Town Council

President is hereby authorized to pay bills and handle day-to-day operations that may be required.

4. Town offices and departments may operate on a modified schedule approved by the Town Administrator and will be posted on the Building and Town website. Town offices and departments will restrict in-person business activities and will remain open by appointment only. The Town Administrator, department heads and public safety personnel shall reassess the situation on a daily basis. Any change to the business hours of the Town Hall shall be by the authorization of the Town Council President.
5. This Declaration of emergency and the adoption of this emergency ordinance as per Little Compton Home Rule Charter Section 411 shall remain in full force and effect for sixty (60) days unless revoked by the Town Council before the expiration of sixty (60) days.

RESOLUTION AS APPROVED:

Robert L. Mushen
President, Little Compton Town Council

Dated: March 16, 2020

ATTEST:

Carol A. Wordell, CMC
Clerk, Town of Little Compton