



**Town of Little Compton
Town Hall
P.O. Box 226
Little Compton, RI 02837**

RENEWAL AND AMENDMENT OF DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

To adopt the following Declaration of Emergency and Emergency Ordinance, which renews and amends the **“TOWN OF LITTLE COMPTON’S DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY AND RESULTING ADOPTION OF THIS EMERGENCY ORDINANCE,”** adopted by the Little Compton Town Council on March 16, 2020:

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 20-02 issued by Governor Gina M. Raimondo on March 9, 2020, as renewed and extended in Executive Order 20-18 issued by Governor Raimondo on April 8, 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

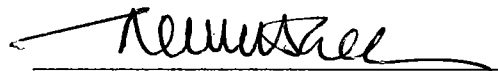
WHEREAS, it appears that the public health and safety of the Town of Little Compton is in imminent danger due to the spread of the COVID-19 virus, including but not limited to the number of cases COVID-19 reported to date in Rhode Island.

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 five (5) persons at any one time as directed by the Governor of Rhode Island, or such other maximum number of persons as the Governor may subsequently order. This restriction and limitation on occupancy is in effect regardless of the licensed establishment’s size or configuration.

3. All physical public meetings of town boards and committees are hereby suspended until further notice, provided, however, that all such boards and committees, including but not limited to the Town Council, may conduct public meetings remotely, in compliance with the conditions and guidelines set forth in Executive Order 20-25 ("Public Meetings and Public Records Requests") issued by Governor Raimondo on April 15, 2020 and as that Executive Order may be amended and/or renewed.
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. Pursuant to emergency powers granted by the Rhode Island General Laws, specifically, but not limited to, R.I.G.L. §§ 30-15-13, and any other applicable provisions of state or local law, the Town Council President may from time to time issue additional directives, orders, and recommendations as circumstances require, either written or verbal. In the event of time sensitive town business, the Town Council President is hereby authorized to pay bills and handle day-to-day operations that may be required, provided that the Town Council shall continue to meet, pursuant to Section 3 of this Emergency Declaration and Ordinance, to exercise its customary responsibilities and activities, as provided by Home Rule Charter, Town Code, and state law.
6. 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, or until such time as the Governor suspends the state of emergency imposed by Executive Order 20-18, whichever date is sooner.

RESOLUTION AS APPROVED:



Robert L. Mushen
President, Little Compton Town Council

Dated: April 30, 2020

ATTEST:

