



CITY OF MYRTLE BEACH
OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

To: Amy Prock, Chief of Police, City of Myrtle Beach
From: Fox Simons, City Manager *FS*
Date: July 1, 2025
Re: Juvenile Curfew - July 2, 2025 – July 7, 2025,

Pursuant to Section 19-191(f) of the City of Myrtle Beach Code of Ordinances, City Council has declared July 2 through July 7 to be an Extraordinary Event. Section 19-193(a)(7) authorizes the City Manager to impose a curfew in the area effected by an Extraordinary Event.

Based on this authority, I am issuing the attached Executive Order imposing a curfew in specific areas of the City for all persons who have not obtained the age of eighteen (18). The curfew shall be effective 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. daily from Wednesday, July 2, 2025 through Monday, July 7, 2025. The curfew applies to public places within the protected zone (as defined in the Executive Order), City parks, and other City facilities. The curfew shall be interpreted, administered, and enforced consistent with the existing juvenile curfew ordinance found in Chapter 14 of the City Code.



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City of Myrtle Beach
SOUTH CAROLINA
City Manager's Office

July 1, 2025

Executive Order 2025-02: Imposing a curfew in the City of Myrtle Beach for all individuals under the age of 18 from 10:00 PM to 6:00 AM each day from Wednesday, July 2, 2025 through Monday, July 7, 2025 in specified areas of the City.

1. **Purpose** – Pursuant to Section 19-191(f) of the City of Myrtle Beach Code of Ordinances, City Council has declared July 2 through July 7 to be an Extraordinary Event. Myrtle Beach Code of Ordinances Section 19-193(a)(7) authorizes the City Manager to impose a curfew in the area effected by an Extraordinary Event. This Executive Order is therefore issued to protect and preserve the health, safety, and property of Myrtle Beach residents, visitors, and businesses by imposing a curfew as set forth herein.

2. **Juvenile Curfew** –A curfew is hereby imposed for all persons who have not obtained the age of eighteen (18). The curfew shall be effective 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. daily from Wednesday, July 2, 2025 through Monday, July 7, 2025. The curfew applies to public places within the protected zone (as defined herein), City parks, and other City-owned property. The curfew shall be interpreted, administered, and enforced pursuant to the following provisions of this Executive Order.

3. **Definitions**

Curfew hours means the hours from 10:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m. of the following day from Wednesday, July 2, 2025 through Monday, July 7, 2025.

Emergency means unforeseen circumstances, or the resulting situation, calling for immediate action. This includes, but is not limited to, fire, natural disaster, or vehicular accident, as well as any situation requiring action to avert serious injury or the loss of life.

Guardian means a person or a public or private agency who either pursuant to court order or acceptance of testamentary appointment, is the legal guardian of the minor. This definition also includes a person to whom parental powers have been delegated under South Carolina law, or duly identified responsible adult or chaperone acting in loco parentis of a group of minors or an individual minor.

Minor means any person who has not obtained the age of 18 years.

Parent means a person who is the natural parent, adoptive parent, or stepparent of the minor.

1 *Protected zone* means the core commercial tourist area defined as beginning at the
2 intersection of the southern boundary of the right of 13th Avenue South and the Atlantic
3 Ocean and running in a westerly direction along the southern boundary of 13th Avenue
4 South to the western boundary of the right-of-way of U. S. Highway 17 (Business), then
5 running along the western boundary of U.S. Highway 17 (Business) in a northerly direction to
6 the southern boundary of the right-of-way of 7th Avenue North, then running along the
7 southern boundary of 7th Avenue North and the extension of that boundary line in a
8 westerly direction until it intersects with the western boundary of the right-of-way of
9 Broadway, then running in a northerly direction along the western boundary of the right-of-
10 way of Broadway, then running in a northerly direction along the western boundary of
11 Broadway until it intersects with the northern boundary of the right-of-way of 9th Avenue
12 North, then running in an easterly direction along the northern boundary of 9th Avenue
13 North until it intersects with the western boundary of the right-of-way of U.S. Highway 17
14 (Business), then running along the western boundary of U.S. Highway 17 (Business) until it
15 intersects with the northern boundary of the right-of-way of 21st Avenue North, then
16 running along the northern boundary of 21st Avenue North and the extension of that
17 boundary line in an easterly direction until it intersects with the Atlantic Ocean, then
18 running in a southerly direction along the Atlantic Ocean Beach until it reaches the point of
19 beginning. The protected zone is depicted in the map attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

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21 *Public place* means a place located in the City of Myrtle Beach to which the public, or a
22 substantial group of the public, has access, including, but not limited to, streets, highways,
23 sidewalks, parking lots, vacant lots, parks, and the common areas in and about apartment
24 buildings, office buildings, hospitals, schools, shops and places of entertainment such as
25 movie theaters.
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27 *Remain* means to linger or stay, as well as to refuse to leave when requested to do so by a
28 police officer or the owner or other person in control of a public place. This term also
29 encompasses activities that may be mobile, such as walking, driving, and riding about in a
30 public place.
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32 **4. Violations**

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34 a. During curfew hours, it shall be unlawful for a minor to remain at any public place within
35 the protected zone, any City park, or any other City facility, including but not limited to
36 the Myrtle Beach Convention Center, City recreation centers, and all City-owned parking
37 lots.
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39 b. During curfew hours, it shall be unlawful for a parent or guardian of a minor to
40 knowingly permit, or to allow by exercising insufficient control, the minor to remain in
41 any public place within the protected zone, any City park, or any other City facility,
42 including but not limited to the Myrtle Beach Convention Center, City recreation
43 centers, and all City-owned parking lots.
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45 **5. Exemptions**

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47 Minors are exempt from the curfew under the following circumstances:
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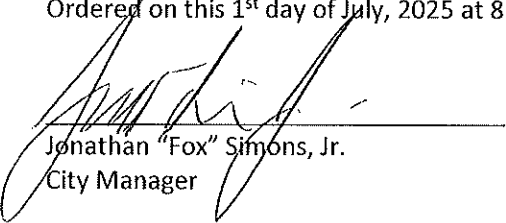
- 49 (1) Accompanied by the minor's parent or guardian;
50 (2) Involved in an emergency or on an errand necessitated by an emergency;

- 1 (3) Engaged in an employment activity, or on the way to or from an employment activity,
2 without any detour or stop except as necessary to drop off or pick up a co-employee;
3 (4) In a motor vehicle involved in interstate travel;
4 (5) On the sidewalk abutting the minor's home;
5 (6) Attending a school, religious, or governmental activity, which is supervised by adults, or
6 traveling to or from such a school, religious, or governmental activity without detour or
7 stop;
8 (7) Attending a recreational activity sponsored by the City of Myrtle Beach, a civic
9 organization, or a similar entity, which is supervised by adults, or traveling to or from
10 such an activity without detour or stop;
11 (8) Exercising rights protected by the First Amendment of the United States Constitution;
12 (9) Married, or otherwise legally emancipated by operation of law.
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14 **6. Enforcement**

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16 Before taking any action to enforce this division, a police officer shall ask the apparent
17 offender's age. The officer may ask for proof of the apparent offender's age, and shall be
18 justified in taking action to ascertain the apparent offender's age in the absence of
19 identification, such as contacting his or her parent or guardian, or accompanying the
20 apparent offender to his or her residence for the purpose of obtaining identification. If the
21 apparent offender is a minor, or cannot produce identification proving otherwise
22 immediately, the officer shall ask the reason for the apparent offender's being in a public
23 place. The officer shall not take any action to enforce this section unless the officer
24 reasonably believes that an offense has occurred and, based on any response as well as
25 other circumstances, no defense provided herein is applicable.
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28 Ordered on this 1st day of July, 2025 at 8:30 a.m.

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33 Jonathan "Fox" Simons, Jr.
34 City Manager



Legend

- Protected Zone
- Roads

EXHIBIT A