



**RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDINANCE 01-20: AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL TO EFFECTUATE TEMPORARY CHANGES IN CERTAIN DEADLINES AND TO MODIFY PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES TO ADDRESS CONTINUTIY OF OPERATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH PANDEMIC DISATER.**

**WHEREAS**, on March 31, 2020, the Town of Onancock Town Council adopted the Emergency Ordinance to effectuate temporary changes in certain deadlines and to modify public meeting and public hearing practices and procedures to address continuity of operations associated with pandemic disaster; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 12, 2020, the Governor of Virginia Issued Executive Order Number Fifty-One, declaring a State of Emergency relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, and;

**WHEREAS**, June 10, 2020, the Governor of Virginia’s State of Emergency expires, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council finds that COVID-19 constitutes a real and substantial threat to public health and safety and constitutes a “disaster” as defined by Virginia Code §44-146.16 being a “communicable disease of public health threat;” and

**WHEREAS**, Virginia Code § 15.2-1413 & 1102 provides that, notwithstanding any contrary provision of law, a locality may, by ordinance, provide a method to assure continuity of government in the event of a disaster for a period not to exceed six months; and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the provisions of the March 31, 2020 Emergency Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect for the duration of the Governor’s State of Emergency, unless amended, rescinded or readopted by the Town Council in conformity with the notice provisions set forth in Virginia Code §15.2-1427 but in no event shall such ordinance be effective for more than 6 months. Upon

rescission by the BOARD/COUNCIL or automatic expiration as described herein, this emergency ordinance shall terminate, and normal practices and procedures of government shall resume.

Nothing in this Emergency Ordinance shall prohibit Public Entities from holding in-person public meetings provided that public health and safety measures as well as social distancing are taken into consideration.

An emergency is deemed to exist, and this ordinance shall be effective upon its adoption.

**ADOPTED** by the Onancock Town Council.

APPROVED:

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