
1 **R2020-33: TO AMEND RESOLUTION 2020-31 DECLARING AN**
2 **EXTRAORDINARY EVENT AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO TAKE**
3 **ALL STEPS NECESSARY FOR THE PRESERVATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH,**
4 **SAFETY AND WELFARE BY EXTENDING SUCH ACTION THROUGH SUNDAY,**
5 **SEPTEMBER 6, 2020.**

6 **Applicant/Purpose:** Staff/ to allow for the Extraordinary Event management tools to
7 be used for the remaining weekends until Labor Day 2020.

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9 **Brief:**

- 10 • Designation as an “Extraordinary Event” allows the City Manager to implement
11 certain event management tools to protect lives & property, including:
12 1. Hiring armed registered private security officers.
13 2. Requiring hotels & retail stores in designated areas to employ private
14 security.
15 3. Utilizing public or private property when public welfare is in jeopardy.
16 4. Contracting for non-consensual towing of vehicles and motorcycles.
17 5. Using temporary signage to enforce temporary closure of retail sales
18 businesses within event boundaries between 11 PM & 6 AM (unless
19 circumstances compel).
20 6. Temporarily closing, or diverting pedestrian & vehicular traffic.
21 7. Enforcing no cruising zones, & temporarily prohibiting cruising on
22 designated streets.
23 • Absent this declaration, the Manager has no clear authority w/ respect to 1-5
24 above (the Code includes separate authority for 6 & 7).

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26 **Issues:**

- 27 • Resolution R2020-31 declared 3 weekends (Friday, June 19 at 12:01 a.m.
28 through Sunday, July 5, 2020 at 11:59 p.m.) as Extraordinary Events.
29 • This proposed action adds each weekend from Friday, July 12 at 12:01 a.m. -
30 Sunday, September 6, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. as “Extraordinary Events” as well.

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32 **Public Notification:**

- 33 • This proposal was publicly reviewed at Council’s July 2nd Special Meeting.
34 • Normal meeting notification for this & the July 2nd meetings.

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36 **Alternatives:**

- 37 • Modify the proposed additional times & dates.
38 • Deny the proposed resolution.

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40 **Financial Impact:** None.

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42 **Manager’s Recommendation:** I recommend approval.

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44 **Attachment(s):** Proposed resolution & supporting documents.

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CITY OF MYRTLE BEACH
COUNTY OF HORRY
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

TO AMEND RESOLUTION 2020-31 DECLARING
AN EXTRAORDINARY EVENT AND
AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO TAKE
ALL STEPS NECESSARY FOR THE
PRESERVATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY
AND WELFARE BY EXTENDING SUCH ACTION
THROUGH SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 6, 2020.

WHEREAS, the City of Myrtle Beach is responsible for the safety and well-being of its residents and visitors, and the security of its homes and its businesses, especially during extraordinary events, which, as a result of excessive crowds, congestion, traffic violations, and history of disorderly and unlawful behavior, could threaten the peace and welfare of individuals, businesses and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, the public has been subject to orders limiting activity in varying degrees for several months and those orders have been gradually rescinded or modified allowing increased level of activity and increased opportunity to travel; and

WHEREAS, since the beginning of May 2020, the City has observed disorderly and unlawful behavior that is more intense and disruptive than in previous years; and

WHEREAS, the incidence of unruly and unlawful behavior increases on the weekend when accommodation businesses have greater occupancy combined with increased day-trippers; and

WHEREAS, large crowds on and around Ocean Boulevard have exhibited a general disregard for the rule of law as well as social distancing guidelines as well as a similar disregard for traffic safety laws on Ocean Boulevard and surrounding streets including Kings Highway and the adjoining Avenues; and

WHEREAS, the public safety and public health risks are magnified by the ongoing pandemic involving COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the number of positive COVID-19 cases in the state of South Carolina has increased every week since the week of May 16, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the total number of positive cases of COVID-19 for the state of South Carolina as of June 16, 2020 was 19,990 with 607 deaths. Of those positive cases and deaths, Horry County accounts for 1,297 and 34, respectively. Horry County, in particular, has

1 experienced a spike in the number of positive cases of COVID-19 in recent weeks,
2 registering record numbers for positive cases on three occasions since June 10, 2020;

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4 WHEREAS, the state of South Carolina is still under a state of emergency related to
5 COVID-19 which the governor renewed as recently as June 11, 2020. At that time, the
6 governor recognized the need to take extraordinary measures “to meet the
7 unprecedented threat posed by COVID-19 and the evolving nature and scope of this
8 public health emergency;” and

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10 WHEREAS, a state of civil emergency also exists in the City of Myrtle Beach which
11 declaration was recently renewed by Mayor Brenda Bethune on June 11, 2020; and

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13 WHEREAS, the City’s emergency personnel, including Police, Fire, EMS, Parks and Public
14 Works staff, are put in harm’s way due to the number of visitors occupying the area in
15 and around Ocean Boulevard and to the behavior of those visitors. This risk of harm is
16 compounded by the risk of contracting the coronavirus; and

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18 WHEREAS, the capacity of public spaces, including streets and sidewalks, also is limited,
19 and the number of visitors, particularly during the summer weekends, can exceed that
20 capacity in many locations, preventing a timely response to emergencies where time is
21 of the essence and lives are at stake; and

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23 WHEREAS, the increased number of visitors, particularly during summer weekends, is
24 expected to present significant challenges and to strain the City’s law enforcement,
25 fire protection, emergency services, traffic management, and other public services,
26 and by causing residents and visitors to fear for their health and safety; and

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28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND DECLARED that the following dates are declared
29 to be extraordinary events due to the anticipated impact on the City, its employees,
30 citizens and visitors:

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32 Friday, June 19, 2020 at 12:01 a.m. through Sunday, June 21, 2020 at 11:59 p.m.
33 Friday, June 26, 2020 at 12:01 a.m. through Sunday June 28, 2020 at 11:59 p.m.
34 Friday, July 3, 2020 at 12:01 a.m. through Sunday, July 5, 2020 at 11:59 p.m.
35 Friday, July 10, 2020 at 12:01 a.m. through Sunday, July 12, 2020 at 11:59 p.m.
36 Friday, July 17, 2020 at 12:01 a.m. through Sunday, July 19, 2020 at 11:59 p.m.
37 Friday, July 24, 2020 at 12:01 a.m. through Sunday, July 26, 2020 at 11:59 p.m.
38 Friday, July 30, 2020 at 12:01 a.m. through Sunday, August 2, 2020 at 11:59 p.m.
39 Friday, August 7, 2020 at 12:01 a.m. through Sunday, August 9, 2020 at 11:59 p.m.
40 Friday, August 14, 2020 at 12:01 a.m. through Sunday, August 16, 2020 at 11:59 p.m.
41 Friday, August 21, 2020 at 12:01 a.m. through Sunday, August 23, 2020 at 11:59 p.m.
42 Friday, August 28, 2020 at 12:01 a.m. through Sunday, August 30, 2020 at 11:59 p.m.
43 Friday, September 4, 2020 at 12:01 a.m. through Sunday, September 6, 2020 at 11:59
44 p.m.
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is the intent of the Myrtle Beach City Council that the
2 authority contained in the Extraordinary Event Division of Article VI of Chapter 19 of
3 the Myrtle Beach Code of Ordinances, as it currently exists or as amended in the future,
4 shall be exercised as necessary to promote public health, safety, and welfare, to
5 protect lives and property, to maintain order, to minimize criminal activity, and/or to
6 maximize the efficiency of providing municipal services.

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8 Signed and sealed this 14th day of July, 2020.

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11 ATTEST: _____
12 BRENDA BETHUNE, MAYOR

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15 JENNIFER ADKINS, CITY CLERK