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Town of Ridgeland

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

COVID-19 Statement from Town of Ridgeland Mayor Joseph N. Malphrus, Jr.

I would like to reassure everyone that our staff at the Town of Ridgeland and I have been in constant contact with our national, state and local partners to share information and closely coordinate our efforts to protect our residents from the spread of the Coronavirus. The Town will be here for you and ready to serve you. Please take comfort in the fact that all of our vital services we provide to our citizens—police and fire protection, and water/sewer services---will not be interrupted. Permitting will continue as well, although on an electronic basis. Thankfully, we have a dedicated staff who had the foresight to put into place systems that will allow us to get through this crisis.

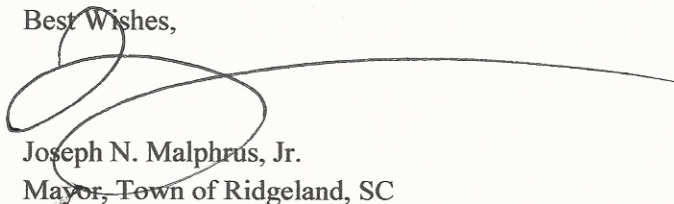
The best advice that I can share with you from local and state health officials is if you are sick, please stay at home. The Governor has also issued an executive order limiting public gatherings because such gatherings will only accelerate the spread of the virus. We ask for your cooperation and ask for you to cancel any public gatherings until further notice from the Governor.

The Town of Ridgeland has declared a state of emergency. Our staff is taking every precautionary measure possible to protect our employees and our citizens. We fully realize that the subject matter with which we are dealing is not pleasant; however, the actions that are being implemented are temporary and mirror those being taken throughout the nation to protect our citizens and slow the spread of the virus.

If you are in a medically vulnerable population, limit your time in public. I am personally asking our citizens to help watch out for your neighbors who may need some extra help during this time.

Please get your information from official sources such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, as well as the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control with respect to preventative measures and what to do if you should contract the virus. They both have excellent websites with information updated daily. These sites are accessible from our website at www.ridgelandsc.gov.

Best Wishes,



Joseph N. Malphrus, Jr.
Mayor, Town of Ridgeland, SC