



## DECLARATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

**Whereas**, on March 13, 2020 South Carolina Governor Henry McMaster declared a state of emergency and on March 15, 2020 ordered all schools closed until March 31<sup>st</sup>; and

**Whereas**, pursuant to the authority granted to the Mayor under Sec. 2-77 of the Ridgeland Code of Ordinances (Code 1995, § 2.04.070; Code 2006, § 30.21) (a) a state of emergency shall be deemed to exist whenever, during times of great public crisis, disaster, civil disturbance, catastrophe or when for any other reason municipal public safety authorities are unable to maintain public order or afford adequate protection for health or welfare; and

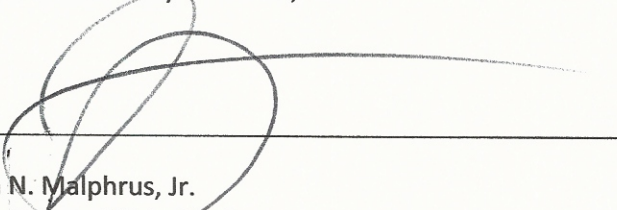
**Whereas**, by this Declaration of Public Health Emergency, I declare all rules and regulations that may inhibit or prevent prompt response to this threat suspended for the duration of the incident; and

**Whereas**, I, Joseph N. Malphrus Jr., the Mayor of the Town of Ridgeland have determined that extraordinary and immediate measures must be taken to prevent the spread of the virus, as well as protect those that could potentially be infected or impacted by COVID-19;

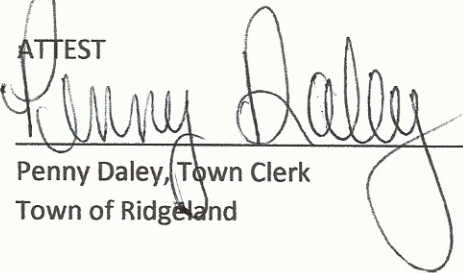
Now, therefore be it proclaimed by the Town of Ridgeland

- 1) That a local state of emergency and public health emergency is hereby declared for the Town of Ridgeland pursuant to Section 2-77 of the Ridgeland Code of Ordinances
- 2) The public health emergency shall continue for a period of not more than fourteen days from the date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the Town Council
- 3) This declaration authorizes the Town to take any actions necessary to promote health and suppress disease, including quarantine, examining and regulating healthcare facilities, regulating ingress and egress from the Town, and fining those who do not comply with the Town's rules
- 4) This declaration of emergency shall take effect immediately.

Declared this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020

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

ATTEST

  
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Penny Daley, Town Clerk  
Town of Ridgeland