STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  )
COUNTY OF DARLINGTON  )

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 20-E1

DARLINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL DECLARATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY
IN RESPONSE TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY THREAT OF THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS
("COVID-19"), EFFECTIVE MARCH 17, 2020

WHEREAS, the Governor of South Carolina, by Executive Order 2020-08 has
declared that a state of emergency exists by virtue of the threat posed by the 2019
Novel Coronavirus ("COVID-19"); and

WHEREAS, Darlington County has taken, and must continue to take, all
necessary and appropriate actions in proactively preparing for and promptly
responding to the COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, as cases of COVID-19 increase, causing an imminent threat to
the citizens and visitors of Darlington County, it is necessary for the County to
implement emergency planning for anticipated problems, prepare for emergency
actions needed to confront the challenges of this public health emergency and
utilize the County’s Emergency Operations Plan in response to and recovery from
the public health emergency presented by 2019 Novel Coronavirus.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the governing body of Darlington
County, South Carolina, the Darlington County Council that in accordance with South
Carolina Code of Laws, Title 4, Article 9, Section 130 and Darlington County Code of
Ordinances, Chapter 2 and Chapter 14, Darlington County declares that a state of
emergency exists, and that the threat thereof is imminent, and extraordinary
emergency measures are deemed necessary to cope with the existing and anticipated
situation. Darlington County has implemented the Darlington County Emergency
Operations plan effective Tuesday, March 17, 2020, until further notice.

1. The County Administrator is authorized to take any necessary actions for the
protection of the health, safety, and welfare of Darlington County citizens and
visitors including but not limited to the following:

a. Utilize all available resources of county government as reasonably
necessary to cope with the COVID-19 emergency; and

b. Transfer the direction, personnel or functions of county departments and
agencies or units thereof for purposes of facilitating or performing
emergency services as necessary or desirable; and
c. Contract, requisition and compensate for goods and services from private sources; and

d. Perform and execute measures as prescribed by Darlington County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 14 (Civil Emergencies), Section 14-5(c) (State of Disaster Or Emergency; Proclamation, Powers Of Council); and

e. Suspend or limit non-emergency activities and prohibit public assemblies; and

f. Any and all other actions deemed necessary for the preservation of the health, safety, and welfare of citizens, residents, and visitors of Darlington County, South Carolina.

2. This declaration shall remain in force until emergency conditions associated with COVID-19 have subsided and the emergency activities in Darlington County are no longer necessary to protect the life and property of our citizens, or upon the sixty-first (61) day after the effective date of this emergency declaration.

Adopted in meeting duly assembled this 17th day of March, 2020.

Attest:  
J. JaNet Bishop
Clerk to Council

Bobby Hudson, Chairman
Darlington County Council

Marion Charles Stewart, III
County Administrator