



**County Council of  
Beaufort County**  
**County Council Meeting**

**Chairman**

Joseph F. Passiment, JR.

**Vice Chairman**

D. Paul Sommerville

**Council Members**

Michael E. Covert  
Gerald Dawson  
Brian E. Flewelling  
York Glover, SR.  
Chris Hervochon  
Alice G. Howard  
Mark Lawson  
Lawrence P. McElynn  
Stewart H. Rodman

**County Administrator**

Ashley M. Jacobs

**Clerk to Council**

Sarah W. Brock

**Administration Building**

Robert Smalls Complex  
100 Ribaut Road

**Contact**

Post Office Drawer 1228  
Beaufort, South Carolina 29901-1228  
(843) 255-2180  
[www.beaufortcountysc.gov](http://www.beaufortcountysc.gov)

# Special Meeting of County Council

**Monday, March 16, 2020 at 12:45 PM**

Council Chambers, Administration Building

Robert Smalls Complex 100 Ribaut Road, Beaufort

1. CALL TO ORDER - CHAIRMAN PASSIMENT
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION – Chairman Passiment
3. *[Public notification of this meeting has been published, posted, and distributed in compliance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act]*
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

---

**ACTION ITEMS**

---

5. BEAUFORT COUNTY COUNCIL DECLARATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY IN RESPONSE TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY THREAT OF THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (“COVID-19”), EFFECTIVE MARCH 15, 2020
6. ADJOURNMENT

## **EMERGENCY ORDINANCE 2020-01**

### **BEAUFORT COUNTY COUNCIL DECLARATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY IN RESPONDE TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY THREAT OF THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (“COVID-19”), EFFECTIVE MARCH 15, 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**, Beaufort 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 Beaufort County, it is necessary for the County to implement emergency planning for anticipated problems and prepare for emergency actions needed to confront the challenges of this public health emergency.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, in accordance with South Carolina Code of Laws Title 4, Article 9 Section 130 and Beaufort County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 22, Beaufort 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. Beaufort County has implemented a COVID-19 operations plan effective Sunday, March 15, until further notice.

1. The County Administrator is authorized to take any necessary actions for protections of the health, safety and welfare of Beaufort County citizens and visitors including but limited to the following:
  - a. Utilize all available resources of county and municipal 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. Prescribe routes, modes of transportation and destinations in connection with evacuations or relocations, if any; and
  - e. Suspend or limit nonemergency 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 Beaufort County, South Carolina.

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

Effective the 15th day of March 2020, in the County of Beaufort, South Carolina.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Joseph Passiment, Chairman

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sarah W. Brock, Clerk to Council.