



**CITY OF HAVELOCK PROCLAMATION #20-P-06  
AMENDING STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION  
COVID-19 - PROHIBITING SHORT-TERM RENTALS**

**WHEREAS**, the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic continues to pose an imminent threat and existing conditions have caused or could likely cause widespread or severe illness, or loss of life to our citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 166A-19.3 and as a result of the public health emergency posed by COVID-19, North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper declared a State of Emergency for North Carolina on March 10, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Havelock declared a State of Emergency on March 17, 2020, which remains in full force and effect; and

**WHEREAS**, according to Section 130.12 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Havelock, the Mayor is further authorized and empowered to place into effect various restrictions and prohibitions necessary to maintain order and protect public health, safety, welfare and property of all persons within jurisdiction of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, public health authorities at the local, state and national levels have urged citizens to stay at home as a means of slowing the spread of the COVID-19 virus; and

**WHEREAS**, in response to the increasing cases of COVID-19 in the State of North Carolina, North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper issued a 30-day "Stay at Home Executive Order," which took effect at 5:00 p.m. on March 30, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, while travel to the City of Havelock by visitors has slowed, it has not stopped. Certain individuals are fleeing significantly impacted areas and lodging in facilities that may hinder specific social distancing protocols due to the nature of these facilities. These actions increase the risk of infection to our community and may accelerate the spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Chapter 130 of the City of Havelock Code of Ordinances and Chapter 166A-19.31 of the North Carolina General Statutes, the Mayor of a municipality has the authority to prohibit or restrict (a) the movement of people in public places; (b) the operation of offices, business establishments, and other places to or from which people may travel or at which they may congregate; and (c) other activities or conditions, the control of which may be reasonably necessary to maintain order and protect lives or property during the state of emergency.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, William L. Lewis, Jr., Mayor of the City of Havelock, do hereby amend the State of Emergency Declaration issued on March 17, 2020 to include the following additional prohibitions and restrictions:**

(1) Discontinuance of all Short-term Rental Operations: All rental agencies and property owners (including but not limited to: hotels, motels, extended-stay units, rental housing units, apartments, RVs, or similar accommodations) that rent properties within the City of Havelock are instructed to have all current renters, whom have a rental term less than forty-five (45) consecutive days, to vacate the premises immediately. Furthermore, and effective immediately, there will be no new rental occupancies with rental terms of less than 45 days allowed within the City of Havelock until rescinded or when the local state of emergency terminates.

a) Exemptions:

- The following individuals and operations are exempted from this order, as defined in the Governor's March 27, 2020 Executive Order No. 121:
  - i. Healthcare and Public Health Operations
  - ii. Essential Infrastructure Operations
  - iii. Essential Government Operations
  - iv. Defense and Military Contractors
- Additional Exemptions:
  - i. Victims of domestic violence
  - ii. Individuals transitioning from one permanent place of residence within Havelock to another permanent place of residence in Havelock due to casualty loss, repairs, or other similar temporary situations impacting the habitability of a permanent place of residence in Havelock
  - iii. Employees of the State of North Carolina
  - iv. Employees of the United States Government

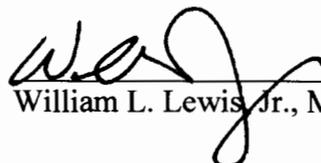
This proclamation may be enforced by appropriate law enforcement agencies. Any person who violates this proclamation shall be guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor in accordance with N.C.G.S. 14-288.20A.

All City of Havelock employees and officials are hereby directed to assist public health authorities, health care providers, first responders, emergency management workers and law enforcement officers in the implementation of this order to protect the health, safety and property of all Havelock citizens.

Based upon the foregoing sections of this proclamation and the best information provided by public health authorities concerning COVID-19, I hereby amend the City of Havelock's State of Emergency to include these additional restrictions and prohibitions. This State of Emergency will continue until cancelled or rescinded.

Effective, this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.

CITY OF HAVELOCK

  
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William L. Lewis, Jr., Mayor