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**ORDER PURSUANT TO THE DECLARATION OF DISASTER AND EMERGENCY
TO ALL RESIDENTS AND PERSONS WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF LONG BEACH IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN AND STATE OF NEW
JERSEY AND TO ALL DEPARTMENTS OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF LONG BEACH**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the powers vested by Chapter 251 of the laws of 1942, as amended and supplemented, N.J.S.A. App. A: 9-30, *et seq.*; N.J.S.A. 40:48-1, *et seq.*; and all applicable statutory law and regulations, as well as the Chapter 105 of the Township Code, the Township of Long Beach ("Township") declared on March 24, 2020, that a local disaster/emergency exists within by and through the required authorization of the Director of Public Safety and the Emergency Management Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid laws and declaration of emergency authorize the promulgation of such orders, rules, and regulations as are necessary to meet the various problems that have or may occur due to such an emergency, and

WHEREAS, as a direct result of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic and local emergency, there was a significant increase in pedestrian and bicycle traffic on Beach Avenue and Ocean Avenue in 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Township concluded that the existing speed limit on Beach Avenue and Ocean Avenue posed a threat to the public health, welfare, and safety in light of the significant increase in pedestrian and bicycle traffic caused by the Covid-19 pandemic and local emergency and the characteristics of those roads; and

WHEREAS, in order to protect the public health, welfare, and safety, the Township elected to lower the speed limit on certain portions of Beach Avenue and Ocean Avenue in 2020 and the lower speed limit was deemed a success in terms of protecting the significant increase in pedestrian and bicycle traffic; and

WHEREAS, the pandemic has and will continue to have a significant impact upon the Township, as evidenced by the significant increase in the year-round population and the evidence that the peak tourist season will likely see an increase over the already significant increase in activity which occurred in 2020; and

WHEREAS, the lowered speed limits set forth in the prior emergency Order expired in October 2020 and the Township has elected to reauthorize the lowered speed limits for the expanded 2021 peak season.

NOW, THEREFORE, in accordance with the aforesaid laws and recitals, which are incorporated herein by reference, it is promulgated and declared that until further Order of the Township that:

- A. Effective on April 1, 2021, the speed limit on Beach / Ocean Avenue between 31st Street and 121st Street (MacAvoy) shall be reduced to 15 miles per hour.
- B. Effective on April 1, 2021, the speed limit on Atlantic Avenue between S 34th Street and 13th Street shall be reduced to 15 miles per hour.
- C. The Township Police Department shall be charged with the enforcement of the terms of this Order; and
- D. Penalties for violations of this Order may be imposed under, among other statutes, N.J.S.A. App. A:9-49 and -50, and the Township Code.
- E. The reduced speed limits shall terminate on October 15, 2021.

Dated: 3/5/21



MAYOR JOSEPH H. MANCINI

Dated: 3/5/21



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