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EMERGENCY DECLARATION AND ORDER

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, as a result of the efforts by the State, local governments, healthcare community, scientific community, and much of the population, many of the necessary restrictions relating to the Covid-19 pandemic have proven no longer necessary at this time, although recent developments of the Covid-19 Delta variant has recently caused a significant increase in the number of infections; and

WHEREAS, the Covid-19 pandemic continues to have a significant impact on the seasonal and year-round populations of adults, young adults, and juveniles in the Township, on Long Beach Island, and the region, resulting in a significant influx of the population; and

WHEREAS, there have been many documented cases of juveniles and young adults in the Township, on Long Beach Island, and the region, as well as up and down the Jersey Shore, of large groups of juveniles and young adults gathering in large groups of over ten, twenty, thirty, and forty or more during the late evening and night hours on the beach and public areas which has resulted in significant disturbances of the peace, excessive noise, disorderly conduct, underage alcohol consumption, property damage, vandalism, littering, and related serious public health issues; and

WHEREAS, many of the large groups include both juveniles and young adults and the State regulations relating to disorderly persons offenses have made it increasingly difficult for the Police Department to protect the public health, welfare, and safety from the serious public health issues as aforesaid; and

WHEREAS, the foregoing establishes that the emergency restrictions set forth herein are necessary and proper to protect the public health, welfare, and safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, in accordance with the aforesaid recitals, which are incorporated herein by reference, it is promulgated and declared that until further Order of the Township the following regulations shall apply.

- A. Except as provided herein, no persons 17 and under shall be permitted in groups greater than 10 persons outside upon a public street, avenue, boulevard, place, walkway, alley, park, or any public area or unimproved private property located in the Township after 9:00 p.m. and until 5:00 a.m. the following day.
- B. No persons 17 and under shall be permitted on any beach after 9:00 p.m. and until 5:00 a.m. the following day.
- C. The restrictions set forth in Paragraphs A and B shall not apply if each of the persons 17 are accompanied by each of their parents or guardians.
- D. The Emergency Management Coordinator, the Township Police Department, and the Township Beach Patrol shall be charged with the enforcement of the terms of this Order; and
- E. 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.

Dated: 8/5/21


MAYOR JOSEPH H. MANCINI

Dated: 8/5/21


CHIEF KEVIN MAHON