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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**, the seasonal and year-round populations of adults, young adults, and juveniles in the Township of Long Beach ("Township"), on Long Beach Island, and the region, has significantly increased during and following the Covid-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2021 there was a significant increase in large groups of juveniles gathering in residential neighborhoods, at commercial establishments, and on the beaches into the late evening and nighttime hours and an emergency and limited juvenile curfew was imposed to address the threat to the public health, welfare, and safety; and

**WHEREAS**, there has been a recent spike in the aforesaid groups and gatherings, as well as the arrival of so-called pop-up parties in the Township, which are large parties organized through social media apps; and

**WHEREAS**, the pop-up parties and large groups and events in the late evening and nighttime hours that include juveniles and young adults has resulted in a significant number of complaints, disturbances of the peace, excessive noise, disorderly conduct, underage alcohol consumption, property damage, vandalism, littering, and related serious public health issues; and

**WHEREAS**, the emergent issues set forth herein are not limited to the Township and communities throughout Long Beach Island, the region are experiencing juveniles and young adults gathering in large groups and creating and attending pop-up parties consisting of twenty, thirty, and forty or more during the late evening and night hours, including on the beaches and public areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the involvement of significant numbers of juveniles and young adults 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 due to the State regulations relating to disorderly persons offenses; and

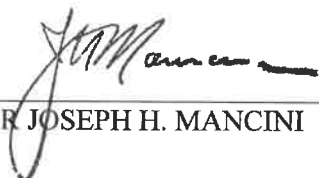
**WHEREAS**, the ongoing and increasing events as aforesaid pose an immediate threat to the public health, welfare, and safety; and

**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 Mayor of the Township of Long Beach who is also the Commissioner of Public Affairs and Safety, as well as the Emergency Management Coordinator hereby declare and proclaim a local emergency which requires the immediate imposition of a juvenile curfew pursuant to the terms set forth herein.

**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, all persons 17 and under shall not be permitted outside upon a public street, avenue, boulevard, place, walkway, alley, park, beach, or any public area or unimproved private property located in the Township after 12:00 a.m. and until 5:00 a.m. that day.
- B. All persons 17 and under may be permitted outside in any public areas set forth above after 12:00 a.m. and until 5:00 a.m. the following day, provided they are accompanied by their parent or legal guardian or they are traveling to and from their place of employment.
- C. No groups of persons larger than 10 people shall be permitted on any beach after 10:00 p.m. and until 5:00 a.m. the following day.
- 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
- F. 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: 8/2/22

  
MAYOR JOSEPH H. MANCINI

Dated: 8/2/22

  
CHIEF KEVIN MAHON