

RESOLUTION NO. 20 - 6

DECLARATION RESTRICTING ALL NON-ESSENTIAL, SHORT-TERM RENTALS IN WEST OCEAN CITY, OCEAN PINES, AND OTHER UNINCORPORATED AREAS IN WORCESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND UNTIL GOVERNOR LARRY HOGAN'S STAY-AT-HOME ORDER TO COMBAT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 IS LIFTED

WHEREAS, in accordance with the March 30, 2020 Stay-At-Home order issued by Maryland Governor Larry Hogan, restricting travel and other non-essential activities to stop the spread of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), the Worcester County Commissioners have declared that no new occupants for non-essential, short-term rentals in West Ocean City, Ocean Pines, and all other unincorporated areas of Worcester County shall be accepted until the Stay-At-Home order is lifted; and

WHEREAS, initially on March 16, 2020, the Worcester County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 20-3, declaring an official State of Emergency and enacted the Worcester County Emergency Operations Plan for emergency responses in certain areas of Worcester County, Maryland (the "County") to protect those who live and work in the County throughout the COVID-19 public health emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the President of the County Commissioners of Worcester County, Maryland that in keeping with the intent of this declaration restricting all non-essential, short-term rentals that:

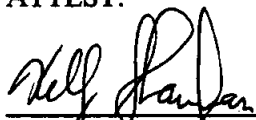
1. Hotels, motels, and other lodging establishments or short-term rental properties (including properties rented directly or through third parties) shall not accept any new occupants regardless of reservation date, or extend any existing reservation for current occupants other than for "Essential Lodgers".
2. Essential Lodgers, as defined by this emergency declaration, include healthcare professionals and/or first responders, patients and patients' families, law enforcement, national guard members, State or federal government employees, journalists, others responding to COVID-19, full-time residents of Worcester County, who, for any reason, are temporarily unable to reside in their primary residential home; or persons who must vacate their homes due to exigent circumstances, such as fire or flood, persons sheltering in hotels due to domestic violence, or hotel employees, service providers, contractors, and individuals who own or are employed by a business organization not closed by Governor Hogan's Order No. 20-03-30-01 and who are engaged in activities directly related to that business or organization.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the President of the County Commissioners of Worcester County, Maryland, that unless terminated earlier by subsequent resolution, this local Declaration shall remain in effect until after termination of the Maryland Governor's state of emergency and the proclamation of the catastrophic health emergency has been rescinded.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time on April 2, 2020.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 1ST day of April, 2020.

ATTEST:



Kelly Shannahan
Assistant Chief Administrative Officer

FOR THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
WORCESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND



Joseph M. Mitreic, President