Ordinance No. 05-2020

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA	)	
	)	AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR
COUNTY OF HAMPTON	)	A CURFEW DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC
	)	AND TO IMPOSE PENALTIES FOR
TOWN OF ESTILL	)	VIOLATION OF CURFEW

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR A CURFEW DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has declared a world-wide pandemic from the COVID-19 virus, which has brought death to thousands in the United States and over 100 in South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, in spite of Presidential pronouncements and gubernatorial encouragement that citizens avoid being in groups of more than 3 persons, and that individuals should maintain a distance of at least 6 feet apart, and in spite of Town Council's enactment of an emergency operating ordinance for the government of the Town of Estill, members of the public continue to attend public gatherings, the most recent of which involved discharge of firearms between the hours of Midnight on Saturday March 28 and Midnight Monday, March 30; and

WHEREAS, Town Council deems it appropriate to protect the health and safety of the citizens in the Town of Estill whether or not they find it necessary to protect themselves, and that such constitutes and emergency as defined by S. C. Code Section 5-7-250, pending passage of a permanent ordinance;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL:

Section 1. A state of emergency exists in the Town of Estill that affects the health and safety of the people.

Section 2. A curfew is hereby imposed upon the Town from Nine O'Clock p.m. until 5:30 O'Clock a.m., during which it shall be unlawful for any person subject to the curfew to:

(1) Be present or travel upon any street, alley, roadway or public property, unless such travel is necessary to obtain medical assistance or travel to work as deemed essential by Executive Order of the Governor;

(2) Possess beyond a person's own private premises, buy, sell, give away, or otherwise transfer or dispose of any explosive, firearm, ammunition, or dangerous weapon of any kind; or

(3) Sell, possess, or consume beer, wine, liquor, or intoxicating beverages of any kind.

Section 3. Upon conviction of violation of any provision of this Ordinance, a person shall be subject to a fine not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars, or imprisonment in jail for not longer than thirty days, or both.

Section 4. This ordinance shall expire 60 days from the date of its enactment.

Done and entered by two-thirds majority vote of Town Council this 2nd day of April, 2020.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Town Attorney