

Town of North Topsail Beach

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DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY Update Concerning Current State of the Town October 4, 2018

WHEREAS, due to the events of Hurricane Florence, the Town of North Topsail Beach is currently under a state of emergency, which I instituted on September 10, 2018; and

WHEREAS, this Declaration is meant to provide an update to the current state of the Town; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the above-described hurricane, I have determined that there is still a threat of, or existing conditions that may cause, widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property, and public safety authorities will be unable to maintain public order or afford adequate protection for lives or property in a manner consistent with our normal standards; and

WHEREAS, declaring a State of Emergency and imposing the restrictions and prohibitions ordered herein is necessary to maintain order and protect public health, safety, and welfare, and to secure property; and

WHEREAS, as of 8:00 AM on October 4, 2018, the current state of our Town is as follows:

- Town parks and beach accesses are closed until further notice.
- Due to runoff and other storm-induced pollutants, it may not be safe for swimming or other water activities.
- Driving conditions throughout the entire Town continue to be a concern due to nails and other storm debris.
- Emergency Services may be hampered due to road hazards, water supply and otherwise dangerous conditions created by this storm event. Fire, police and other emergency services may be limited, delayed or unavailable.
- Please be advised that wildlife, such as snakes and alligators, may have an increased presence in our Town due to the disturbance in their habitat.
- Assessments are still ongoing. Accordingly, the Town is not in a position at this time to adequately advise residents as to electricity, structural integrity, other storm related debris or other unknown hazards that pose a threat to safety; and

WHEREAS, due to present conditions as they relate to storm damage and effects, those who enter the Town of North Topsail Beach do so at their own risk and peril and are accepting responsibility for their own safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as the Mayor of North Topsail Beach under Article 1A of Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes, the following conditions and prohibitions are in effect with this Declaration:

Section 1. A State of Emergency is still in effect in the jurisdiction of North Topsail Beach.

Section 2. The emergency area covered by this State of Emergency shall be for the territorial limits of the Town of North Topsail Beach.

Section 3. The Town is open to the public with the following restrictions:

- Town parks and beach accesses are closed until further notice.
- In order to provide emergency services and utility contractors clear access to complete their work, no vehicles will be permitted to park on any road or right of way. If your vehicle is not on your property, it will be towed at owner's expense.
- Emergency Services retain the authority to instruct property owners, residents, contractors or any other person within the Town limits with orders that are imperative to the performance of their duties.

Section 4. This Declaration shall take effect on October 7, 2018 at 07:00 AM and shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded.

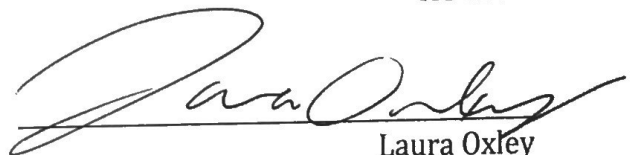
DECLARED this the 4th day of October, 2018.

APPROVED:



Daniel Tuman
Mayor of North Topsail Beach

ATTEST:



Laura Oxley
Town Clerk