

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE LOWER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
Thursday, May 21, 2020 - 9:00am

Meeting called to order

Opening Announcement
Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence
Roll Call & Determination of Quorum

Consent Agenda

Resolution #2020-159; A Resolution Modifying the Provisions of Emergency Proclamation 2020-5 in Order to Permit Short-Term, Transient and Seasonal Rentals Within the Township of Lower Effective June 8, 2020

Resolution #2020-160; A Resolution Rescinding Emergency Proclamation 2020-04 and Reopening All Public Beaches Located Within the Township of Lower with No Restrictions

Call to the Public

Adjournment

**The Lower Township Special Council Meeting scheduled for May21, 2020 at 9:00a.m. will be closed to the public due to Executive Order #104. Anyone wishing to participate in the meeting can do so by dialing 1-312-757-3121.
Access Code: 628-234-981#.**

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER, COUNTY OF CAPE MAY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION #2020-159

Title: A RESOLUTION MODIFYING THE PROVISIONS OF EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION 2020-5 IN ORDER TO PERMIT SHORT-TERM, TRANSIENT AND SEASONAL RENTALS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF LOWER EFFECTIVE JUNE 8, 2020.

WHEREAS, on April 6, 2020, in response to the ongoing Coronavirus Public Health Emergency, the Township Council and the Emergency Management Coordinator of the Township of Lower issued Resolution No. 2020-131, which prohibited hotels, motels, guest houses and private residences, and parts thereof, from accepting transient guests or seasonal tenants until May 22, 2020, as authorized by New Jersey Executive Order No. 108 (Murphy) and Administrative Orders 2020-8 and 2020-9; and

WHEREAS, on May 11, 2020, the Township of Lower issued Emergency Proclamation 2020-5, modifying the provisions of Resolution 2020-131, prohibiting Transient and/or Seasonal Rentals within the Township of Lower for a duration of less than thirty (30) days until Saturday, June 27, 2020 at 12:01a.m.; and

WHEREAS, in conformity with the most recent Executive Orders issued by Governor Murphy relaxing various restrictions on certain industries and activities the Township Council of the Township of Lower finds it to be appropriate to modify the prohibition on short-term, transient and seasonal rentals enacted by way of Township of Lower Emergency Proclamation 2020-5.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. Transient and/or Seasonal Rentals within the Township of Lower for a duration of less than thirty (30) days shall be permitted effective 12:01 a.m., Monday, June 8, 2020.
2. The utilization of any and all online marketplaces to arrange or offer short-term rentals within the Township of Lower shall be permitted effective 12:01 a.m., Monday, June 8, 2020.
3. Individuals engaged in the business of providing, facilitating, and/or arranging short-term, transient and seasonal rentals must maintain a written plan outlining the procedures they intend to utilize to ensure that properties rented to third-party individuals are sanitized in accordance with Center for Disease Control and Department of Health guidelines and to ensure compliance with applicable social distancing requirements set forth within New Jersey Executive Order No. 107 (2020). Said mitigation/compliance plan must be made available for review upon request from the Township Manager.
4. Individuals engaged in the business of providing, facilitating, and/or arranging short-term, transient and seasonal rentals must maintain a detailed log of all third-party short-term, transient and seasonal tenants, including but not limited to said individuals name, home address, and telephone number.

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I, Julie A. Picard, Township Clerk of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and exact copy of a resolution duly authorized by the Township Council at a meeting held on May 21, 2020.

Julie A Picard, Township Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER, COUNTY OF CAPE MAY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION #2020-160

Title: A RESOLUTION RESCINDING EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION 2020-04 AND REOPENING ALL PUBLIC BEACHES LOCATED WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF LOWER WITH NO RESTRICTIONS

WHEREAS, on April 7, 2020, pursuant to New Jersey Executive Order Nos. 107 and 108 (2020) and New Jersey Administrative Order 2020-5, the Township of Lower issued Emergency Proclamation 2020-2 closing all public beaches located with the Township of Lower to the general public in response to the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on April 27, 2020, in an effort to provide limited, safe recreational activities for members of the general public that could be accomplished while complying with social distancing requirements, the Township Council of the Township of Lower and the Emergency Management Coordinator of the Township of Lower issued Emergency Proclamation 2020-4, permitting limited access to Township beaches exclusively for recreational purposes provided appropriate social distancing measures are adhered too; and

WHEREAS, on May 14, 2020, Governor Murphy issued New Jersey Executive Order No. 143 (2020) outlining policies and recommendations associated with the reopening of public beaches throughout the State, subject to the discretion of individual municipalities wherein said public beaches are located, effective Friday, May 22, 2020 at 6am.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. Township of Lower Emergency Proclamation 2020-4 is hereby rescinded effective Friday May 22, 2020 at 6am.
2. Effective Friday, May 22, 2020 at 6am, all public beaches located throughout the Township of Lower shall be reopened to the public for any and all activities subject to adherence to the social distancing requirements set forth within New Jersey Executive Orders Nos. 107 and 143 (2020).

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