

# EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION

## PROHIBITION ON ACCEPTANCE OF TRANSIENT GUESTS OR SEASONAL TENANTS BY HOTELS, MOTELS, GUEST HOUSES OR PRIVATE RESIDENCES IN THE TOWNSHIP OF LOWER, COUNTY OF CAPE MAY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

### TO ALL RESIDENTS AND PERSONS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF LOWER, COUNTY OF CAPE MAY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

**WHEREAS**, on March 9, 2020, Governor Phil Murphy issued Executive Order 103 (2020) which declared a Public Health Emergency and State of Emergency in New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, since the issuance of Executive Order 103 (2020) Governor Murphy has issued a series of Executive Orders the purpose of which is to protect the health, safety and welfare of New Jersey residents through efforts to reduce the rate of community spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 21, 2020 Governor Phil Murphy issued Executive Order 108 (2020) which, *inter alia*, recognized that certain municipalities may have legitimate concerns about an influx of new visitors and the resulting public health concerns as the entire state endeavors to comply with social distancing measures and avoid unnecessary increases in density of individuals and, accordingly, provided municipalities with the ability to impose restrictions with respect to online marketplaces for arranging or offering lodging; and

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order 108 (2020) further authorized the State Director of Emergency Management to make additions, amendments, clarifications, exceptions and exclusions to the restrictions which municipalities or counties have the ability to impose; and

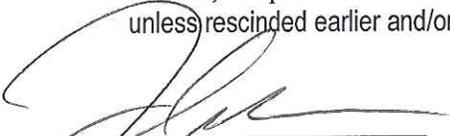
**WHEREAS**, by Administrative Order No. 2020-8, the State Director of Emergency Management amended Executive Order 108 (2020) "to allow municipalities and counties to impose additional restrictions in response to COVID-19 on the ability of hotels, motels, guest houses, or private residences, or parts thereof, to accept new transient guests or seasonal tenants;" and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council of the Township of Lower and the Emergency Management Coordinator of the Township of Lower recognize the value of transient guests and seasonal tenants to the Township but must prioritize the health of its residents, second-home owners and visitors during the current health crisis; and

**WHEREAS**, a temporary prohibition against rentals to transient guests and seasonal tenants will help to reduce the risk of spreading the COVID-19 to and among the residents and occupants of the Township of Lower;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in accordance with the aforesaid Executive Order 108 (2020) and Administrative Order No. 2020-8, it is, on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April 2020 promulgated and declared that the following regulations shall be in addition to all other laws of the State of New Jersey and the Township of Lower:

1. Effective immediately, hotels, motels, guest houses and private residences, and parts thereof, are prohibited from accepting transient guests or seasonal tenants until May 22, 2020, unless rescinded earlier and/or otherwise extended by subsequent Resolution.

  
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Frank Sippel, Mayor  
Township of Lower, NJ

  
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Township of Lower, NJ