PROCLAMATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY BY THE MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF TOPSAIL BEACH

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Topsail Beach has duly adopted ordinances pursuant to the provisions of N.C. G.S. 166A, Article 1A to determine and proclaim the existence of a State of Emergency and to impose certain prohibitions and restrictions appropriate to meet the emergency; and

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

WHEREAS, this Declaration is meant to provide an update to the current state of the Town and the conditions under which reentry will be allowed; and

WHEREAS, as recovery efforts continue, particularly storm debris removal, residents and visitors must be aware of the following:
  • Storm debris removal is an ongoing process and can include hazards to individuals. Debris still exists on the beaches, street right of way, and property edges. Individuals accessing the beach and other public areas do so at their own risk.
  • Storm debris and other pollutants may be found with the waters of both the sound and the ocean.
  • Contractors with large equipment will be on the roads and beaches.
  • Some beach access structures, both private and public, were damaged as a result of the storm and still in need of repair.

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;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Topsail Beach does hereby proclaim:
A State of Emergency is still in effect in the jurisdiction of Topsail Beach.

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Re-entry to the Town is contingent upon the following restrictions:

1) The general public is allowed within the town limits but must adhere to the designated curfew.

2) A curfew is in effect from 11:00 PM until 7:00 AM. This will be strictly enforced. Residents, property owners, and vacation/short-term renters are allowed only on their property.

3) Damaged public beach and sound accesses will remain closed until repaired. The Bush Marina building and the boat slips will remain closed until repairs can be completed.

This Declaration shall take effect on October 19, 2018 at 7:00 AM and shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded.

Declared this 18th day of October, 2018

Howard M. Braxton Jr. Ed.D
Mayor

ATTEST:

Christina Burke
Town Clerk, NCCMC