

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, in December 2019, a novel strain of coronavirus known as COVID-19 was detected, and COVID-19 has now spread throughout the world, including the United States and the State of West Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the federal government, state governments, and local governments are working together to contain the further spread of the disease and treat existing cases; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services declared a Public Health Emergency; on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic; on March 16, 2020, the Governor of the State of West Virginia declared a State of Emergency; on March 23, 2020, Governor Justice issued a Stay at Home Order; on April 3, 2020, Jefferson County was deemed a "Hot Spot" by Governor Justice, and on May 4, 2020, the Governor issued a Safer at Home Order; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor, other members of the Town Council, and other staff are routinely in communication with the state and local authorities and monitoring the public health emergency to ensure our government, businesses, residents, and others are operating in a manner consistent with the guidance and intent of the Executive Orders, and

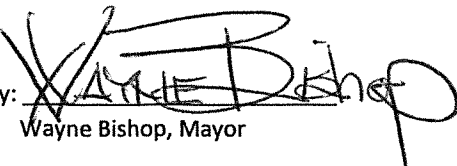
WHEREAS, Mayor Bishop and the Harpers Ferry Town Council support the health and safety of our community, visitors, and local business, as the primary concern is for their health and wellbeing and ensuring they have a safe and enjoyable experience in historic Harpers Ferry; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Bishop and the Harpers Ferry Town Council strongly encourage and support Harpers Ferry businesses and the general public to follow West Virginia state guidelines and those set forth by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Jefferson County Health Department; and to encourage all to stay at home if exhibiting any COVID-19 symptoms, to wear a mask, wash their hands, and maintain six-foot physical distancing while working in and/or visiting Harpers Ferry; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Bishop and the Harpers Ferry Town Council strongly encourage business owners to post temporary signage requesting physical distancing of six (6) feet, requiring that masks be worn within their establishments, offering complimentary masks as available, and limiting the number of patrons on store premises, and to require patrons to adhere to and comply with the businesses' stated requests.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Resolution is hereby ratified, confirmed and approved by the Town Council of the Corporation of Harpers Ferry that residents, businesses and visitors are hereby strongly encouraged to maintain physical distancing of six (6) feet, to wear masks when walking in Lower Town and entering businesses, and to require patrons to adhere and comply with the businesses' stated requests.

Dated and effective this 24th day of June 2020.

By: 
Wayne Bishop, Mayor

Attest: 
Kevin Carden, Town Recorder