		ORDINANCE NO. 2020-E1
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA) 1	AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO TEMPORARILY SUSPEND THE NORMAL OPERATING PROCEDURES OF VARNVILLE
COUNTY OF HAMPTON) ;) ;)]	TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS AND TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN MAYOR AND POLICE CHIEF TO DEVELOP AND ENACT A PLAN IN ORDER TO ENSURE CONTINUITY IN THE DELIVERY OF GOVERNMENT SERVICES
TOWN OF VARNVILLE		IN LIGHT OF THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK; AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO

WHEREAS, it is well recognized that SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes the disease COVID-19, presents a public health concern that requires extraordinary protective measures and vigilance; and

WHEREAS, these matters have taken many forms across the nation including travel bans, school closures, individual quarantines, and cancellation of major events, among other measures; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Varnville is working with other government agencies in an effort to prevent the spread of disease; and

WHEREAS, Section 5-7-250 of the South Carolina Code of Laws empowers Council to enact emergency ordinances affecting life, health, or safety; Town Code ref: 2-16-C, and

WHEREAS, in light of the foregoing, Varnville Town Council deems it proper and necessary to adopt this emergency ordinance in order to: (a) temporarily suspend the normal operating procedures of Varnville Town Council; (b) to authorize the Varnville Town Mayor and Police Chief to develop and enact a plan in order to ensure continuity in the delivery of government services in light of the COVID-19 outbreak; and (c) authorize the Town of Varnville Town Mayor

to revoke special events permits and alter or amend services rendered by town government for a temporary period;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Municipality of Varnville, in Council assembled, that:

- 1. The Town of Varnville temporarily suspends the normal operating procedures of Town Council meetings and hereby allows for the Mayor and Councilmembers to remotely participate in voting and operational procedures by telephone or other means of electronic communication provided that the provisions of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act are complied with.
- 2. All deadlines imposed by Town Ordinance, applicable to the municipality or applicant, shall be suspended, during this temporary period.
- 3. The Town Mayor and Police Chief are authorized to develop and enact a plan in order to ensure continuity in the delivery of government services in light of the COVID-19 outbreak.
- 4. The Town Mayor is authorized to cancel and revoke any special events permits issued prior to the date of this ordinance for events taking place, alter or amend services rendered by town government for a temporary period until May 1st, 2020.
- 5. This emergency ordinance shall be terminated by the issuance of another ordinance or shall automatically expire on the 61st day after enactment of this ordinance, whichever date is earlier.

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED THIS 20 DA	AY OF March	, 2020.

Nathaniel A. Shaffer, Mayor

Town of Varnville

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Clerk of Council

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