

ORDINANCE NO. 2025- ____

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2 AND CHAPTER 21 OF THE TOWN CODE
AS RELATED TO THE DECLARATION OF A LOCAL CIVIL EMERGENCY AND OTHER
MATTERS RELATED THERETO**

WHEREAS, the Town of Bluffton (“*Town*”) desires to continue to take all necessary and proper actions necessary to protect the general safety, welfare, health and properties of the citizens of the Town during a civil emergency event; and,

WHEREAS, in order to accomplish the above goals, the Town previously established Chapter 2 and Chapter 21 of the Town Code as well as the authority to enact resolutions, ordinances, regulations and procedures pursuant to South Carolina Code of Laws 1976, Section 5-7-30; and,

WHEREAS, the Town must from time to time review ordinances to ensure that they are properly regarded, enforced, sufficient and satisfactory to the needs of the Town and the community, and amend the applicable ordinances as deemed necessary to accomplish the Town’s goals; and,

WHEREAS, the Town Council supports the Town’s desires and goals to take all necessary and proper actions necessary to protect the general safety, welfare, health and properties of the citizens of the Town during a local civil emergency;

WHEREAS, for the reasons stated above, the Town Council desires to amend Chapter 2 and Chapter 21 of the Town Code as related to the declaration of a local civil emergency and other matters related thereto, and as shown in “Exhibit A” attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLUFFTON, SOUTH CAROLINA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. ***Amendment.*** That Chapter 2 and Chapter 21 of the Town Code is amended as shown on “Exhibit A”, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, whereby the newly added language is illustrated with an underline and deleted language is illustrated with ~~strikethrough~~.
2. ***Severability.*** If any section, phrase, sentence, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.
3. ***Repeal.*** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance, or inconsistent with its provisions, are hereby repealed or superseded to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.
4. ***Effective Date.*** This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its adoption by the Town Council of the Town of Bluffton, South Carolina.

DONE, RATIFIED and ENACTED this ____ day of _____, 2025.

This Ordinance was read and passed at first reading on _____, _____, 2025.

Larry C. Toomer, *Mayor*
Town of Bluffton, South Carolina

Marcia Hunter, *Town Clerk*
Town of Bluffton, South Carolina

This Ordinance was read and passed at Second reading on _____, _____, 2025.

Larry C. Toomer, *Mayor*
Town of Bluffton, South Carolina

Marcia Hunter, *Town Clerk*
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