



TOWN OF WHITE LAKE COVID-19 Bulletin #1 March 27, 2020

As part of the Town of White Lake's continued response to the COVID-19 pandemic and pursuant to the Declaration of a State of Emergency, it is hereby ordered that all non-resident property owners or renters will be prohibited from entering the Town of White Lake beginning Friday, March 27, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

There shall also be a discontinuance of All Short-term Rental Operations including but not limited to, campgrounds, motels, and other rental properties. Short term rentals shall be defined as a rental period of less than 90 days. Effective immediately:

1. There will be no new rental occupancies of a duration of less than 90 days allowed within the Town of White Lake until at least April 30, 2020. Any individuals currently occupying rental property on a short-term basis may fulfill the existing written contract period but in no event shall remain later than March 31, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.
2. The following exemptions apply: Individuals or entities renting within the Town for purposes of providing essential public services as determined by the Town and including, but not limited to, health care personnel.
3. All on-street parking of unauthorized vehicles is prohibited. Government agencies, town employees and authorized contractors of the Town are exempt from this regulation.

The intent of this declaration is to decrease the risk of exposure and limit the spread of COVID-19 in White Lake by eliminating non-essential travel, thereby reducing the number of individuals in the Town and ultimately reducing potential virus spread and the burden on our healthcare system and other essential businesses. It is imperative to take measures to mitigate the consequences of COVID-19 and not overwhelm our healthcare system so it can care for those who are at most risk and continue to provide routine medical and emergency services. Previous restrictions from the Governor and Bladen County Commissioners including the prohibition of mass gatherings remain in place.

I strongly encourage all citizens to stay at home in an attempt to help reduce the spread of COVID-19. While this proclamation may be disappointing for many people who enjoy spending time at White Lake, these decisions are made in the interest of preserving the public health, safety and welfare of our community. The Board of Commissioners and I appreciate your understanding for any inconvenience this may cause. Our priority is keeping our residents and you safe and healthy.

H. Goldston Womble, Jr.
Mayor