



**Town of Little Compton  
Office of the Council President  
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**14 April 2020**

**Special Directive 3 - Town Beaches**

**WHEREAS**, the State of Rhode Island has declared a state of emergency due to the outbreak of COVID-19, as set forth in Executive Order 20-02 issued by Governor Gina M. Raimondo on March 9, 2020, and renewed in Executive Order 20-18, issued on April 8, 2020;

**WHEREAS**, the State of Rhode Island has issued a “stay home” order and limited all gatherings of more than five (5) people in any public or private space as set forth in Executive Order 20-14 issued by Governor Gina M. Raimondo on March 28, 2020;

**WHEREAS**, the State of Rhode Island has temporarily closed all state parks and beaches, along with their parking areas, for the protection of public safety due to the COVID-19 public health crisis;

**WHEREAS**, the Little Compton Town Council on March 16, 2020, adopted a Declaration of Emergency and Emergency Ordinance due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus authorizing the Town Council President to declare a state of emergency in the Town of Little Compton in the event of, among other things, an event which endangers the public health and safety;

**WHEREAS**, it appears that the public health and safety of the Town of Little Compton, its residents, and its visitors are in imminent danger due to the spread of the COVID-19 virus, including but not limited to the number of cases COVID-19 reported to date in Rhode Island;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Town of Little Compton, to protect public health and safety, hereby adopts an Emergency Ordinance to temporarily restrict the parking areas at South Shore Beach, Town Landing, and Lloyd’s Beach, by barriers, fences, gates, or other means, to prevent vehicles from traversing and parking on all beach parking areas.

**PROVIDED**, that such barriers and/or fences shall 1) not prevent pedestrian passage on or along the beach and parking area, and 2) shall provide secure access for emergency and maintenance vehicles.

This Emergency Ordinance shall be known as Special Directive 3, and shall remain in full force and effect for sixty (60) days unless revoked or amended by the Town Council before the expiration of sixty (60) days.



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Robert L. Mushen  
President, Little Compton Town Council