



*Municipal Corp. of*  
***Cape Charles***

March 31, 2020

PUBLIC MESSAGE #7 RE: COVID-19

To all Residents and Business Owners:

Due to ongoing developments regarding the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), the Cape Charles Mayor and Town Council met in a special meeting March 30 to adopt an [ordinance declaring a local emergency](#) for the Town of Cape Charles. This ordinance established the town manager as the Town's director of emergency management, responsible for coordinating with Northampton County in response to this crisis. The ordinance also authorized the continuation of electronic public meetings for the duration of the emergency.

The Mayor and Town Council expressed concern for residents if Governor Northam's recent Stay-at-Home Order is not followed by visitors. The Mayor therefore released a [statement](#) this morning requesting all visitors to re-schedule their trips to Cape Charles and for all short-term rentals and other lodging operators to immediately cease accepting reservations. Current state guidance would preclude this activity until June 10, 2020. Should the state revise this date, the Town's request would follow.

The Town Harbor will stop taking reservations for transient moorage during this time as well. Local seasonal slip holders may execute their lease and access their boats beginning May 1. Non-resident slip holders are asked to delay executing their leases until June 10. The Harbor will hold the slips for these individuals and leases will be prorated to that date.

This is certainly a difficult time with a situation that remains dynamic, so the Town will continue to provide updates as needed. Mayor Dize will continue his Facebook live updates twice a week. These updates will normally occur on Tuesday and Friday evenings at 8:00 pm on the [Mayor's Facebook](#) page.

It's really been great to see how the Town has come together during this challenging time.

John Hozey  
Town Manager