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Seaside Heights, NJ - (March 16, 2020) – Mayor Anthony Vaz released today the Borough’s interim emergency response plan concerning the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Our primary goal is to protect borough employees from potential coronavirus exposure by limiting close contact between the public and office staff. Prevent spread of coronavirus within the office and throughout the community.**

**We anticipate additional actions will be reported at the March 18<sup>th</sup> Borough Council meeting.**

**Follow the official Seaside Heights website ([www.seaside-heightsnj.org](http://www.seaside-heightsnj.org)) and official Seaside Heights Facebook account (@officialseasideheights) for more information.**

#### General Operations

1. The George E. Tompkins Municipal Complex will be closed to the public Tuesday through Friday through the end of April. We will open to the public by appointment only on Mondays through the end of April. Limited types of transactions will be conducted. To the extent the weather allows we will meet with people that have Monday appointments outside in a tented area adjacent to the employee entrance on the Boulevard side of the building. People wishing to make an appointment will be asked the following questions at the time the appointment is made and again when appearing for the appointment.

Are you or anyone in your household experiencing flu-like symptoms, such as fever, cough, or shortness of breath?

In the last 14 days have you traveled to a high-risk area for transmission of COVID-19?

Have you been in close contact with someone confirmed or is being evaluated for COVID-19?

To schedule an appointment please call the main number 732-793-9100.

2. No change at this time to the trash and recycling collection schedule.
3. We encourage the public to utilize online payment options for taxes and utility payments or pay via check by mail. A drop box is available in the foyer of the main entrance on Sherman Avenue.
4. We encourage the public to use the Report It app (code enforcement complaints); VIPLY app (beach badge sales); and Recycle Coach app (trash and recycling schedule). The apps are available from the Google Play and Apple App stores.
5. Shutoffs for delinquent electric and water/sewer account are suspended through the end of June.
6. Planning board meetings scheduled for March and April are cancelled.
7. The Council meeting scheduled for March 18<sup>th</sup> will be closed to the public. We will broadcast the meeting via Facebook Live (@officialseasideheights) and provide a dial in number for the public to participate in the meeting.
8. We are enabling work from home capability for key employees.
9. Official out of state travel and in-state conferences are prohibited through the end of May.
10. Senior bus service and events are cancelled through the end of May.
11. Community Center scheduled events and meetings are cancelled through the end of May.
12. We have initiated COVID-19 response actions concerning our public safety personnel (police and fire) but those actions will remain confidential.
13. All Municipal Court sessions are cancelled through the end of May. Many types of court fines can be paid online.
14. Construction Code inspections will be limited to new construction, unoccupied structures and emergencies.

15. We strongly encourage restaurants, bars and other businesses located in Seaside Heights to voluntarily adhere to the recommendations of the Center for Disease Control. Specifically, that for the next 8 weeks, owners and operators cancel or postpone in-person events that consist of 50 people or more.