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BEAUFORT COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

County Moves to Third Tier of Modifications in Response to COVID-19 Public Facility Access Limitations Enacted

March 23, 2020 – In support of the President's National Emergency Declaration, the Governor's State of Emergency Declaration, the Chairman's County State of Emergency Declaration and based on the recommendations of the Beaufort County Health Director, the County implemented a three (3) tiered modification of County operations in response to the COVID-19 virus outbreak. Tier-1 included social distancing practices and enhanced cleaning procedures both internally and at public-facing counters. Tier-1 modifications began at County facilities on March 16, 2020. Tier-2 modifications call for moving public-facing operations to building areas that provide glass separation. Tier-3 modifications call for restricting or limiting public access to County offices and continuing operations through telephone and electronic means while scheduling appointments for matters that require face-to-face interactions. Social distancing measures and enhanced cleaning procedures will continue during all tiers.

Based on the increased numbers of positive COVID-19 tests in adjacent counties and across the State, along with the determination by NC Public Health Officials that community spread of the COVID-19 virus has started, the County will bypass Tier-2 and move directly to Tier-3 modifications for County services in an effort to help decrease potential exposure opportunities of County employees and the public. These modifications will begin at 8:00 AM on Tuesday, March 24, 2020.

Despite these access restrictions, the County will continue to offer essential services and programs. The public is encouraged to conduct business with the County by phone, electronically or by scheduled appointment whenever possible. Residents who need to conduct face-to-face business should call the specific department/office before visiting in person to discuss alternative service delivery options and to make an appointment.

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(252) 946-4517 Animal Control

(252) 946-0079 Clerk to the Board

(252) 946-0111 Cooperative Extension

(252) 946-0079 County Manager

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- (252) 946-2321 Elections
- (252) 946-0079 Emergency Management
- (252) 940-6519 Emergency Medical Services
- (252) 946-6048 Environmental Health
- (252) 946-7721 Finance
- (252) 946-2046 Fire Marshal
- (252) 946-0079 Human Resources
- (252) 946-9624 Maintenance, Building and Grounds
- (252) 946-7182 Planning and Inspections
- (252) 946-1902 Public Health
- (252) 946-2323 Register of Deeds
- (252) 946-7111 Sheriff's Office
- (252) 975-5500 Social Services (public assistance applications available at DSS lobby)
- (252) 946-4989 Soil and Water
- (252) 974-0098 Solid Waste
- (252) 946-7981 Tax Assessor
- (252) 946-2922 Tax Collector
- (252) 946-8016 Veterans' Services
- (252) 975-0720 Water Operations
- (252) 946-7721 Water Payments