

March 17, 2020

Dear Topsail Beach Resident & Property Owners,

It has been an interesting March, as we each deal with the COVID-19 virus. As you are aware, the North Carolina Governor has closed all schools until at least March 30 and state and federal government is discouraging large gatherings of people. This is a first for most of us and we know you may have many questions and concerns, which is understandable.

Your town officials are meeting regularly and are in contact with other state and local leaders to ensure we are doing all we can to reduce the spread of COVID-19. We currently have had no reported cases of COVID-19 in Pender County, but this information is updated daily. All town departments remain open at this time, but we have modified their operating procedures. Please see the attached document outlining each department's modified procedures.

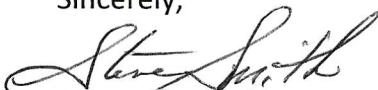
However, now is the time for us all to do our part to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Please follow the recommendations of Center for Disease Control & Prevention (www.cdc.gov), Pender County Health Department (<http://health.pendercountync.gov/>) and the North Carolina Health & Human Services Department (<https://www.ncdhhs.gov/>). Their web sites are updated regularly with current information that will assist you and your family to help maintain a healthy well-being.

While we cannot predict what the next steps from our state & federal governments will require, we will keep you informed of the actions we must take to protect the health of our citizens, businesses and town employees. We have enacted a "State of Emergency" which would allow for easier access to supplies and resources our town may need. It would also allow our businesses access to loans if they are needed for their continued operation.

If you have a specific concern, please call me (910-547-2677) or town hall (910-328-5841). We will use our town's web site (www.topsailbeach.org), the Sunshine List and our telephone alert call system to communicate information and as conditions continue to change.

We are a strong community – TOPSAIL BEACH STRONG – and together we will weather this storm and will be stronger because of our actions.

Sincerely,



Steven G. Smith

Mayor, Town of Topsail Beach