

## AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

**TO ESTABLISH IN FURTHERANCE OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND WELFARE, OF PERSON AND PROPERTY, AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE PROHIBITTING VEHICULAR TRAFFIC FROM ENTERING INTO THE CITY OF CHARLESTON PENINSULA AND TO PROHIBIT VEHICULAR TRAFFICE FROM UTILIZING CERTAIN STREETS IN THE CITY OF CHARLESTON UNLESS UNDER AN EMERGENCY.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON, ASSEMBLED:**

**Section 1:** The City Council of the City of Charleston does hereby make the following findings of fact:

**WHEREAS**, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October 2015, the City of Charleston was impacted by a complex storm system along with an above normal high tide which has resulted in major flooding in the Charleston Peninsula and other areas of the City.

**WHEREAS**, many of the streets of Charleston have become impassable and dangerous to motorists and property;

**WHEREAS**, it is in the public interest and for the safety of the community, that a reasonable restriction is placed on the use of downtown streets and other streets in the City by vehicular traffic until such time as the water has receded and Public Safety Officials have determined that the streets are safe for motorist travel.

**Section 2:** The Chief of Police and his designees are hereby authorized to determine which streets and public right-of-way closures, located within the municipal limits of the City of Charleston, are a danger to vehicular travel and when such streets shall be determined to be a danger, they are hereby declared closed to the general public for vehicular travel for the duration of the emergency or until reopened by Public Safety Officials.

**Section 3:** In any area located within the municipal boundaries of the City of Charleston, and for the duration of this emergency, it is unlawful for a person to:

- (1) Go upon any road, street, highway, or other public right-of-way that has been ordered closed pursuant to this ordinance; or,
- (2) Willfully fail or refuse to comply with any lawful order or direction of any law enforcement officer.

**SECTION 4:** This ordinance shall become effective immediately, and shall expire sixty (60) days after the date hereof or upon the termination of the state of emergency as declared by the Mayor, whichever is earlier.