



#TogetherBeaufort

Helping our businesses survive COVID-19

Offering a one-stop concierge service

Helping you navigate the bureaucracy

City of Beaufort

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OVERVIEW

The COVID-19 pandemic, and the ensuing executive orders that closed non-essential businesses and urged people to stay at home, has brought economic hardship to businesses across South Carolina. The City of Beaufort is no exception. Much of our economy is driven by tourists and visitors. We are a destination city in a destination county. Our restaurants, our small retailers, our hotels and inns -- all of our businesses that cater to visitors -- are either closed or significantly down in revenue. Many other businesses are also affected.

The City of Beaufort's No. 1 goal is to help our businesses get back on their feet as we begin to emerge from quarantine and shutdown. We hope to see many businesses put furloughed employees back on the payroll and begin to hire again.

We recognize that it can be difficult for many of our businesses to navigate the requirements for the various federal programs offering relief to businesses, especially as some of these programs have already run out of funds (temporarily, we believe). We can be an advocate, and a resource, for small businesses in our community. Let us help you.

GUIDE TO RESOURCES

City of Beaufort Downtown Operations: Retailers in the City of Beaufort can call or email Director Linda Roper for assistance with connecting to and accessing financial resources, as well as navigating processes to obtain them.

Phone: 843-525-7084

Email: lroper@cityofbeaufort.org

Beaufort County Economic Development Corporation (beaufortscedc.org): A one-stop resource for commercial businesses or manufacturing operations in the City of Beaufort. Project Manager Charlie Stone can help.

Phone: [843-226-3462](tel:843-226-3462) ext. 2 (office)

[843-226-5829](tel:843-226-5829) (mobile)

Email: cstone@beaufortscedc.org

University of South Carolina Beaufort Small Business Development Center: Director Martin Goodman can consult with small businesses to help them during the pandemic. Please sign up as a client for a counseling session on the website www.scsbdc.com. Counseling sessions are provided free.

Phone: 843-838-8079

Email: goodman@uscb.edu

TAXES

Federal and state income tax deadlines have been extended to July 15, 2020.

City of Beaufort:

- 2020 business license tax renewals: All penalties and interest are waived until June 20, 2020.
- Hospitality and accommodations taxes: For the months of February, March & April, all interest and penalties are waived until June 20, 2020. [More details here.](#)

Beaufort County:

- Business personal property returns for furniture, fixtures, and equipment (FFE), and Rentals will be due no later than June 1, 2020.

Covid-19 Handbook (attached): This guide offers information on:

- Federal assistance
- State assistance
- Regional/nonprofit fund assistance
- Regional private fund assistance
- Municipal resources and help

