

# Beaufort Announces Start of Checkpoints

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## Town of Beaufort Identification Checkpoint to start Thursday, Be Prepared

Beaufort - The Town of Beaufort declared a State of Emergency on March 17 due to the unprecedented public health threat posed by COVID-19. After determining that restrictions and prohibitions were necessary to protect public health and safety, the Mayor issued a Stay at Home Proclamation that became effective March 25. All current restrictions and orders outlined in the Town of Beaufort's current declaration remain in effect through April 29 unless modified, extended or rescinded to meet changing conditions. Law enforcement continues to work diligently to enforce entry restrictions and to take appropriate action for those violating the emergency declaration.

**On Thursday, April 9, 2020 the Beaufort Police Department will begin operating an entry checkpoint on Turner Street near US-70.**

### Entry is permitted if you meet ANY of these criteria:

- Residing in Carteret County full-time, year-round
- Sheltering in place in Beaufort, and nowhere else, as of March 31, 2020
- Engaging in Essential Business, Outdoor Service, or Essential Government Service in Beaufort, as identified in the Town's Stay at Home Proclamation.
- Providing necessary care for a Beaufort resident

To gain entry, each adult in a vehicle must provide ONE of these forms of documentation:

- Valid NC driver's license (or other government-issued ID) with a Carteret County address
- COVID-19 Entry Pass issued by the Town of Beaufort (apply at [entrypass \[at\] beaufortnc.org](mailto:entrypass@beaufortnc.org))
- Proof you are engaging in an Essential Business, Outdoor Service, or Essential Government Service.



#### Who has to stop?

All non-emergency vehicles must stop for an Identification Checkpoint

#### What do I do?

1. Leave your windows closed.
2. Place identification in the window on the side of the vehicle to which an officer approaches.
3. All adults in the vehicle must present an ID.
4. Be patient.

#### What is required for entry? Any of the following are acceptable forms of identification:

- Drivers license with a Carteret County address
- Military ID
- Government issued ID with a Carteret County address
- Essential Employee pass
- Beaufort Resident pass
- Special Circumstances Pass - Apply at [entrypass@beaufortnc.org](mailto:entrypass@beaufortnc.org)

#### Essential employees without passes may show:

- Driver's License & a recent paycheck stub
- Driver's License & an identification badge from employer
- Driver's License & a letter from employer

#### Out of county residents, may enter for a doctors appointment/ vet appointment/essential service with the following:

1. Drivers license & appointment card with date and time of your recurring appointments email [entrypass@beaufortnc.org](mailto:entrypass@beaufortnc.org) and apply for a pass
2. Drivers license & letter from doctor/vet/essential service



#### Who will be denied entry?

- Non-Carteret County residents who are not an essential employee or conducting essential business.
- Adult passengers who do not present one of the above approved forms of identification.

Examples of proof include:

- o For employees: pay stub, identification badge, letter from employer, etc.
- o For customers: medical or veterinarian appointment cards, letter from service provider, summons, prescription bottle, claim ticket, order confirmation, etc.

**Please be aware that without the above identification, you will be denied entry into Beaufort.**

**At the checkpoint, you must follow these rules or be denied entry:**

- Remain in your vehicle at all times. Do not approach the police officers.
- Close all windows.
- Hold documentation up to the closed window, on the side the officer approaches. If there are questions, follow instructions from the officer on how to proceed.

If you have questions or would like to apply for an Entry Pass, contact [entrypass \[at\] beaufortnc.org](mailto:entrypass@beaufortnc.org).