



OFFICE OF THE TOWN SUPERVISOR
JOHN C. WHITNEY, P.E.

PROCLAMATION EXTENDING LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR THE TOWN OF GRAND ISLAND

JOHN C. WHITNEY, P.E. – TOWN SUPERVISOR

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization designated the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, outbreak as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern;

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, United States Health and Human Services Secretary Alex M. Azar II declared a public health emergency for the entire United States to aid the nation's healthcare community in responding to COVID-19;

WHEREAS, cases of COVID-19 have been documented in Erie County, and both travel-related cases and community contact transmission of COVID-19 have been documented in New York State and more are expected to continue;

WHEREAS, the Governor has declared a Disaster Emergency in the State of New York and the County Executive has declared a State of Emergency for Erie County; and;

WHEREAS, I previously declared a local state of emergency within the Town of Grand Island, effective on March 16, 2020, April 15, 2020, and May 15, 2020, and such proclamations were effective for a period of 30 days; and

WHEREAS, the threat that COVID-19 poses to the health, safety, and welfare of the Town of Grand Island's residents and visitors continues, thus requiring the local state of emergency be continued for another 30 days;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John C. Whitney, Town Supervisor of the Town of Grand Island, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Laws of the State of New York, hereby find, pursuant to Section 24(1) of Article 2-B of the Executive Law, that there continues to be a public emergency in the Town of Grand Island and that the public safety is imperiled thereby, and hereby extend the March 16, 2020 and April 15, 2020 declarations of a local state of emergency within the Town of Grand Island for an additional 30 days, effective immediately;

IN ADDITION, this declaration shall remain in effect for another 30 days, unless earlier rescinded;

FURTHER, I hereby extend an emergency order that public attendance at Town Board meetings is hereby suspended, and that any proceedings of the Town Board shall be made available via livestream or teleconference dial-in, with a link or call-in information posted on the Town of Grand Island website, pursuant to the Governor's Declaration of a Disaster Emergency, and, pursuant to Section 24(2) of Article 2-B of the Executive Law, this Order shall be in effect for five days, unless extended;

IN ADDITION, all advisory boards and the Zoning Board of Appeals are directed to recommence their meetings virtually and public hearings will also be held virtually in their normal course, and, pursuant to Section 24(2) of Article 2-B of the Executive Law, this Order shall be in effect for five additional days, unless further extended;

FURTHER, I hereby extend an emergency order that all laws providing for deadlines for action of any board are hereby tolled during the pendency of this State of Emergency, and, pursuant to Section 24(2) of Article 2-B of the Executive Law, this Order shall be in effect for five days, unless extended;

IN ADDITION, all local laws requiring publication of notices for public hearings in the paper more than 5 days in advance of the hearing, including Town Code § 407-189(D), shall be reduced to 5 days and, pursuant to Section 24(2) of Article 2-B of the Executive Law, this Order shall be in effect for five days, unless extended;

FURTHER, I hereby issue an emergency order that the issuance of all Hawking and Peddling licenses is suspended, to be resumed at a date, time, and location to be determined and, pursuant to Section 24(2) of Article 2-B of the Executive Law, this Order shall be in effect for five days, unless extended;

IN ADDITION, all provisions of the Town of Grand Island Code which would restrict or require review and/or approval for outdoor dining, including but not limited to, Section 407-162, are hereby suspended to allow the following: Existing restaurants that had been operating immediately prior to the Governor's NY Pause orders may utilize outdoor seating in connection with their operations provided, however, that the Code Enforcement Officer reviews, for safety, the specific location proposed for outdoor dining and grants approval (which may only be withheld if there is a customer safety concern), and applicable state guidance is followed regarding social distancing (use of masks, tables located 6 feet away from each other, etc.). This suspension is temporary and is in response to the pandemic. No use of land pursuant to this order shall create any vested right to continue any operations upon expiration or rescission of this order;

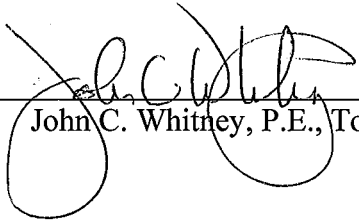
FURTHER, a copy of this Proclamation and the emergency orders herein shall be posted on the Town of Grand Island website, distributed to the media, and published in the official newspaper of the Town of Grand Island;

IN ADDITION, the Town is asking the public not to come to any Town facilities or offices for non-essential reasons and the Town is urging all community groups not to hold large public gatherings; and

FURTHER, additional emergency orders may be issued in light of further developments in responding to this disaster, pursuant to Section 24, Article 2-B of the Executive Law.

GIVEN, this 15th day of June, 2020.

By:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John C. Whitney", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive.

John C. Whitney, P.E., Town Supervisor