

TOWN OF GOSHEN, NEW YORK
DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1 OF 2020

I, DOUGLAS BLOOMFIELD, duly elected Supervisor of the Town of Goshen, New York, do hereby declare as an **EXECUTIVE ORDER** the following:

WHEREAS, there exists a declared novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic by the World Health Organization, and the recognition of its present and substantial impact to the United States generally, and the State of New York specifically, by the respective declarations of emergencies by the President and Governor, and

WHEREAS, the serious impact of this coronavirus upon the Town of Goshen, although presently unknown due to a lack of testing authorized by applicable governmental agencies, is inevitable and will cause a significant health and safety threat to the inhabitants of the Town of Goshen and its visitors, and

WHEREAS, the existence of these conditions poses a real, immediate and continued danger to the health of our community, which requires immediate measures to protect the lives, health and safety of the people in the Town of Goshen, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 24 of the Executive Law of the State of New York, the Supervisor of the Town of Goshen, as its Chief Executive, is authorized to proclaim a local state of emergency within any part or all of the territorial limits of the Town of Goshen, and in connection therewith the Supervisor may promulgate local emergency orders to protect life and property and bring the emergency situation under control, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 103(4) of the General Municipal Law, the Town is authorized to forego the competitive bidding process when conditions exist whereby circumstances affecting public buildings, public property or the life, health or safety of the inhabitants of the Town of Goshen require immediate action which cannot await the competitive bidding process to take place,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas Bloomfield, as Supervisor and Chief Executive of the Town of Goshen, New York do hereby find the public safety to be imperiled by the present and imminent pandemic conditions of the coronavirus (COVID-19) and the resulting risk to the lives of residents, officials, first responders, rescue workers and others in the Town of Goshen and, consequently, to safeguard the lives, health, safety, and property of the public, I do hereby declare a **STATE OF EMERGENCY** for the entire Town of Goshen, pursuant to, *inter alia*, New York State Executive Law Sections 24 and 25, beginning at 12:01 a.m. on March 17, 2020, and continuing until such time that I declare the State of Emergency is no longer necessary, or until midnight March 21, 2020, whichever shall come first, unless and until this Emergency Declaration is modified and/or continued; and

I FURTHER FIND, that conditions exist that pose a threat to the public health, safety and environment and, due to the fact that immediate action may be required to perform emergency repairs and services, and procure goods and services to prevent loss of life, protect the public health and safety, such that the Town of Goshen cannot wait for the competitive bidding process and/or local procurement process to take place for the procurement of goods and services by the Town of

Goshen related to the conditions giving rise to this Declaration of Emergency, I hereby suspend such competitive bidding and local procurement processes to the extent necessary to meet the present pandemic crisis; and

I FURTHER ORDER THE FOLLOWING, as a result of my declaration of a State of Emergency:

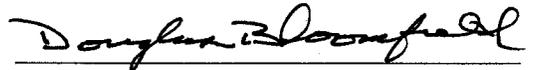
1. Town Hall and each of the offices and places of business of the government of the Town of Goshen, including the Department of Public Works and Town Police Department offices, are hereby closed to the public. Mail deliveries will continue in the ordinary course. All persons wanting interaction with any Town department shall do so by telephoning or emailing the appropriate Town official. Both telephone numbers and email addresses are listed in the Town Directory available by visiting the Town of Goshen website at www.townofgoshen.org
2. The payment of all monies to the Town, including real property tax and water/sewer payments must be made by mail and postmarked no later than the last due date. Real property tax payments must be made by either a bank check or money order; water/sewer payments may also be made by personal check. No cash should be mailed.
3. All Town employees shall continue to report to work and carry out their duties so as to allow the Town to continue with its important work of providing essential services to the inhabitants and property owners of the Town of Goshen, subject to exceptions allowed by the undersigned.
4. The Town Police Department shall continue all essential services, including the enforcement of NY Vehicle & Traffic Laws, subject to any protocols instituted by the Chief of Police relative to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.
5. The meetings of the Goshen Town Board will continue by in-person meetings, but with no opportunity for public attendance. All meetings of the Town of Goshen Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Environmental Review Board will continue as scheduled, but each meeting may be conducted either via teleconference or by an in-person meeting, at the election of the Chairperson of the respective board, but with no opportunity for public attendance; at any such in-person meeting each application may be represented by no more than two people. The public may listen to a recording of all of these meetings when they are subsequently posted on the Town's website. The applicable provisions of the Open Meetings Law have been suspended by a Declaration of Emergency by the Governor of New York, allowing the formats of these meetings to occur as described. Public input for any noticed public hearings may be accomplished by submitting written comments by mail or email to the Town of Goshen Clerk on or before the opening of the public hearing if time reasonably allows, or within ten days of the close of the public hearing if so directed by the respective board. All Planning Board staff meetings are canceled.
6. The conduct of building and fire inspections shall continue and the issuance of all building permits, certificates of occupancy, and other essential Town issued permits shall continue at the direction of the Town Clerk.
7. All Town parks shall remain open, but all Town/Village of Goshen Joint Recreation Commission activities are canceled.
8. The Senior Center is closed and all Senior Center club related activities, including bus tours, shall cease.

9. Dial-A-Bus will continue to operate but will restrict the number of passengers to a maximum of two at a time so as to reduce the risk of community spread of the virus. There may be further restriction or suspension of this service in the future.
10. Town Court is closed until further notice, except that individual matters deemed essential may proceed as each Town Justice determines, consistent with the guidelines and protocols issued by the New York Unified Court System.

All Town of Goshen local law or Code provisions that are contrary to the above are hereby suspended to the extent necessary, and all other Town of Goshen local law or Code provisions that may prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with this emergency are also suspended, but only to the minimum deviation extent necessary:

This executive order shall take effect as noted above, at 12:01 a.m. on March 17, 2020, and pursuant to New York Executive Law § 24, shall be published as soon as practicable in a newspaper of general circulation in the area and transmitted to the radio and television media for publication and broadcast.

ORDERED this 16 day of March 2020 at 5:05 (~~a.m.~~) (p.m.)


DOUGLAS BLOOMFIELD, Supervisor