



## Town of New Paltz

# STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION

**March 17, 2020**

**A State of Emergency is hereby declared in the Town of New Paltz, New York effective at 7:30 pm on March 17, 2020**

**This State of Emergency** has been declared due to the recent outbreak of the COVID - 19 pandemic.

**This State of Emergency** will remain in effect for **thirty (30) days** or until rescinded by a subsequent order.

**As the Chief Executive** of the Town of New Paltz, I, Neil Bettez, exercise the authority given me under Section 24 of the New York State Executive Law; declare a state of emergency for the Town of New Paltz.

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Supervisor, Town of New Paltz

Dated:        March 17, 2020  
                  New Paltz, New York



## **EMERGENCY ORDER 2020.1**

I, Neil Bettez, the Chief Executive of the Town of New Paltz, in accordance with a declaration of a State of Emergency issued on March 17, 2020, and by virtue of the authority vested in me by: Section 24(g) of Article 2-B of the Executive Law to temporarily suspend or modify any local law, ordinance, order, rule, or regulation, or parts thereof during a disaster emergency, if compliance with such local law, ordinance, order, rule, or regulation would prevent, hinder, or delay action necessary to cope with the disaster emergency or if necessary to assist or aid in coping with such disaster, I hereby suspend the following:

Town of New Paltz's Procurement Policies and any associated Local Laws to allow the undersigned or his designee to expend Town funds and resources in the best interest of the Town including but not limited to authorizing the Finance Department to pay and fully process all departments essential bills required to keep the town running and authorizing the monthly warrant.

Section 25(1) of Article 2-B of the Executive Law, which states that "upon the threat or occurrence of a disaster, the chief executive of any political subdivision is hereby authorized and empowered to and shall use any and all facilities, equipment, supplies, personnel and other resources of his political subdivision in such manner as may be necessary or appropriate to cope with the disaster or any emergency resulting there from", and in accordance with the applicable Management Rights provisions in any of the collective bargaining agreements now in effect between the Town of New Paltz and its representative employee organizations, I hereby

Direct all Town Department Heads to arrange, modify or limit the work schedules of their respective departments in such a manner as may be necessary to attempt to minimize the risks to Town employees associated with the current novel coronavirus, COVID-19 outbreak in accordance with recommendations issued by all relevant medical professionals and/or government agencies.

In addition The Town of New Paltz strongly recommends to all residents and businesses to observe the following guidelines of conduct to the extent practical:

1. Residents should utilize online and telephone ordering services for the purchase of goods and services whenever those options are available.
2. There should be maximum use of delivery services and curbside pickup.
3. Businesses that have been permitted to continue operations pursuant to the latest order of the Governor of the State of New York must adhere to the mandated maximum limitation of 10 persons in their establishments at any given time.
4. Continue to practice the protocols of "social distancing," which is generally regarded as a 6-foot buffer with other people.

As the Chief Executive of the Town of New Paltz, I, Neil D Bettez, exercise the authority vested to me under Section 24 of the New York State Executive Law, to preserve the public safety and hereby render all required and available assistance vital to the security, well-being, and health of the residents of the Town of New Paltz. I hereby direct all departments and agencies of the Town of New Paltz to take whatever steps necessary to protect life and property, public infrastructure and provide such emergency assistance as deemed necessary pursuant to Section 24 of the New York State Executive Law, do hereby order: This order shall take effect as of 7:30 pm on 17, March 17, 2020 and remain in effect for five (5) days unless rescinded earlier by order of the Town Supervisor.

This order may also be renewed in (5) five-day increments.

Failure to obey this order is a criminal offense, punishable by law under New York State Executive Law, Article 2-B.

Signed this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020, at 6:30 pm o'clock, in, Town of New Paltz, New York.

Neil Bettez



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Supervisor, Town of New Paltz

Witness:

Katherine Preston



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Assistant to the Supervisor