



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

## **FURTHER CONTINUATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY ORDERS FOR THE TOWN OF GRAND ISLAND**

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

**WHEREAS**, on March 16, 2020, April 15, 2020 and May 15, 2020 I issued a Proclamation of a Local State of Emergency pursuant to Section 24(1) of Article 2-B of the Executive Law;

**WHEREAS**, on March 16, 2020, April 15, 2020 and May 15, 2020 I issued Local Emergency Orders pursuant to Section 24(2) of Article 2-B of the Executive Law relating to the public emergency in the Town of Grand Island;

**WHEREAS**, on March 20, 2020, March 25, 2020, March 31, 2020, April 6, 2020, April 15, 2020, April 20, 2020, April 25, 2020, April 30, 2020, May 5, 2020, May 10, 2020 and May 21, 2020, May 26, 2020, June 1, 2020 and June 6, 2020 I extended the Local Emergency Orders pursuant to Section 24(2) of Article 2-B of the Executive Law relating to the public emergency in the Town of Grand Island, which are currently in effect and will expire unless further extended; and

**WHEREAS**, the public emergency of the COVID-19 pandemic is continuing and I hereby find that the Local Emergency Orders should be extended;

**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 extend the following Local Emergency Orders:

(1) 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 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;

(2) public attendance at all meetings is hereby suspended, and any proceedings of the Town and Advisory Boards shall be made available via livestream, with a link 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 additional days, unless further extended;

(3) 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;

(4) 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 additional days, unless further extended;

(5) 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.

(6) 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

**FURTHER**, a copy of these 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;

**FURTHER**, the Town is urging all community groups not to hold large public gatherings; and

**IN ADDITION**, 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 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

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