

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, May 15, 2020, June 15, 2020, July 15, 2020 and August 24, 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, I have 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, 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, as set forth herein;

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, 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) 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;

(4) 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.

(5) 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

(6) Pursuant to Governor Cuomo's directive, the Town of Grand Island has determined that public and private pools may open, provided, however, that guidance from the New York State Department of Health, issued on June 11, 2020 and as may be amended or supplemented, is followed.

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, 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 31st day of August, 2020.

By: _____
John C. Whitney, P.E.; Town Supervisor