



TOWN OF SOUTH KINGSTOWN

PRESS RELEASE

OFFICE OF THE TOWN MANAGER

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY TIMEFRAME EXTENDED BY TOWN COUNCIL AND TOWN MANAGER'S EXECUTIVE ORDER TIMEFRAMES EXTENDED IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

APRIL 14, 2020: The Town of South Kingstown is monitoring the ongoing COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic, is following State and Federal guidance to help promote the health and safety of our community, and is implementing additional precautionary measures to reduce opportunities for COVID-19 transmission in South Kingstown.

In response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, and in accordance with the State of Emergency declared by the Governor March 9th, 2020, the Town Council voted on March 15th, 2020 to authorize a Declaration of Emergency in the Town of South Kingstown. **On April 13th, 2020, the Town Council voted to extend the end date of the local Declaration of Emergency from April 15th, 2020 to May 11th, 2020.** The full Renewed Declaration of Emergency Ordinance is attached to this press Release for ease in reference.

In addition, **the Town Manager has authorized amendments to the following Executive Orders, effective immediately, including the extension of the timeframes through May 11th, 2020** in order to align the timeframes with the Declaration of Emergency.

- Executive Order 2020-02, initially authorized March 21st, 2020
- Executive Order 2020-03, initially authorized March 25th, 2020 and as amended March 27th, 2020
- Executive Order 2020-04, initially authorized March 26th, 2020
- Executive Order 2020-05, initially authorized March 30th, 2020
- Executive Order 2020-06, initially authorized April 7th, 2020
- Executive Order 2020-07, initially authorized April 8th, 2020

The South Kingstown Police Department is authorized to enforce the regulations of the Declaration of Emergency and the Executive Orders in accordance with State directives and Emergency Management Statute. Each of the full Executive Orders, as amended, are attached to this Press Release for ease in reference.

Guidance for Members of the Public: During this pandemic, all residents are strongly advised to minimize their risk through the use of social distancing. The Town and the Governor have ordered residents to please stay home, except for running essential errands such as going to the grocery store or pharmacy, and to remain home if you are sick (with any symptoms). Gatherings have been limited to no more than 5 people, and be advised that even when gathering in small numbers, social distancing guidance is to maintain a distance of at least 6 feet from other people. Travelers to Rhode Island and some residents are required to self-quarantine for 14 days and per the Governor's Orders. Residents are strongly advised to stay up to date on the Federal, State, and local response to and guidance on, the evolving COVID-19 situation. Please visit the Town's COVID-19 webpage for up to date information and links to Federal, State, and local resources www.southkingstownri.com/998/COVID-19. Because of the evolving nature of this ongoing community health situation, the Town may implement additional mitigation measures with short notice, and the information provided here is subject to change. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. For additional updates from the Town, as well as information and resources related to COVID-19, we encourage residents to visit www.southkingstownri.com. Updates and information will also be shared via the Town's official Facebook page, www.facebook.com/southkingstownri. Questions can be referred to the Town Manager's Office at (401) 789-9331 x1201.