



CITY OF PORT JERVIS
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EXTENSION OF LIMITED STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1 OF 2021

January 28, 2021

The Limited State of Emergency hereby declared in the City of Port Jervis effective as of 12:00 a.m. on December 3, 2020 is hereby extended through 11:59 p.m. on February 22, 2021.

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization designated the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, outbreak as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, United States Health and Human Services Secretary Alex M. Azar II declared a public health emergency for the entire United States to aid the nation's healthcare community in responding to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, both travel-related cases and community contact transmission of COVID-19 have been documented in New York State, and in particular, Orange County, New York, and more cases are expected to develop and/or be discovered; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of New York previously issued a statewide declaration of emergency with respect to the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequently lifted certain restrictions within the Mid-Hudson Region including Orange County, and by as a result, the City of Port Jervis, but certain restrictions remain; and

WHEREAS, as Mayor, I previously issued Limited Declarations of Emergency and extensions thereof, the latest of which would expire on this date without extension; and

WHEREAS, the City of Port Jervis continues to address the threat that COVID-19 poses to the health and welfare of its residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, recent public events within the City of Port Jervis have resulted in an increased risk of the transmission of COVID-19 to City residents as well as officers and employees of the City and it is therefore necessary to extend the current Limited State of Emergency Declaration and prior Executive Order No. 10 of 2020;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kelly B. Decker, Mayor of the City of Port Jervis, County of Orange, State of New York, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the Laws of the State of New York, hereby find, pursuant to Section 24 of Article 2-B of the Executive Law, that a disaster is impending in the City of Port Jervis, and, as a result, I do hereby declare that the Limited State of Disaster Emergency for the entire City of Port Jervis is hereby extended through February 22, 2021 and issue an Executive Order as follows:

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 Direct the following as of January 28, 2021:

1. Port Jervis City Hall will remain open and operational absent further notice. However, all in-person services which are provided to residents at City Hall or other City facilities shall be by appointment only. Residents are directed to call the City's main switchboard number at (845) 858-4000 and follow the prompts for routing to the desired department. Prior to calling, please log on to www.portjervisny.org as many services offered in person are available online. The City of Port Jervis Police Department will continue with normal operations but public access to the Police Station will be limited. Those wishing to enter the Police Station must first call (845) 856-5101 to request entry. The Police Department remains accessible 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.
2. **The City reserves the right to take the body temperature of all persons entering City facilities and to ask relevant health questions of said persons prior to permitting entry.**
3. During the duration of this Executive Order and any extension hereof, the meetings of the City Council and all boards, committees, workshop groups and other bodies shall continue, but shall be held remotely with no opportunity for public attendance. The applicable provisions of the Open Meetings Law have been suspended by a Declaration of Emergency by the Governor of the State New York, allowing this to occur. The meetings of all such bodies will be either conducted by conference call or live videoconference (i.e. Zoom or equivalent medium), both of which methods shall provide for public access. Public input for any noticed public hearings of the City Council, boards or committees may be accomplished by submitting written comments by mail or email to the Port Jervis City Clerk on or before the opening of the public hearing.

IN ADDITION, by virtue of the authority vested in me by 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 therefrom”, and in accordance with the applicable Management Rights provisions in any of the collective bargaining agreements now in effect between the City of Port Jervis and its representative employee organizations, I hereby direct all City 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 City employees, residents and visitors associated with the current novel coronavirus, COVID-19 outbreak in accordance with recommendations issued by all relevant medical professionals and/or government agencies.

Each of the directives contained herein shall run from the date of this Executive Order through February 22, 2021 at 11:59p.m., subject to extension/early termination by further Order. The suspension of the aforesaid policies and Local Laws shall be imposed in such a manner as to create the minimum deviation from the requirements of said policies and laws consistent with the disaster action deemed necessary.

As the Chief Executive of the City of Port Jervis, I, Kelly B. Decker, 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 citizens of the City of Port Jervis. I hereby direct all departments and agencies of the City of Port Jervis to take whatever steps necessary to protect life and property, public infrastructure and provide such emergency assistance as deemed necessary in accordance with this Order.

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.

SO ORDERED ON JANUARY 28, 2021



KELLY B. DECKER, Mayor