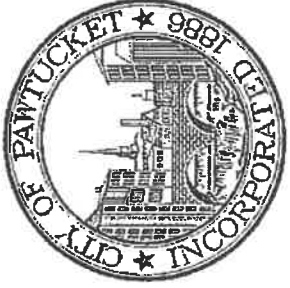


CITY OF PAWTUCKET



EXECUTIVE ORDER

2020-0001

March 16, 2020

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) PREPARATION AND PREVENTION MEASURES

WHEREAS, Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is a respiratory illness that can spread from person to person; 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, on March 9, 2020, Rhode Island Governor Gina Raimondo declared a State of Emergency and activated emergency planning; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Donald J. Trump declared COVID-19 a National Emergency; and

WHEREAS, a number of communities across the nation are experiencing a growing number of community transmission of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020 the Rhode Island Department of Health established an Incident Command System response to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, community transmission in the United States has occurred in many states including Rhode Island and is an immediate public health threat to the elderly and those with underlying health conditions; and

WHEREAS, cases of COVID-19 have been documented in the State of Rhode Island including here in the City of Pawtucket; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pawtucket, Public Safety, the School Department, and the Pawtucket-Central Falls Emergency Management Agency (EMA) have been monitoring and advising residents of the precautions and preventative measures we should be taking; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pawtucket continues to work closely with all City departments, the Pawtucket School District, Pawtucket Housing Authority, Pawtucket Public Library, Pawtucket Water Supply Board, and the Leon Mathieu Senior Center; and

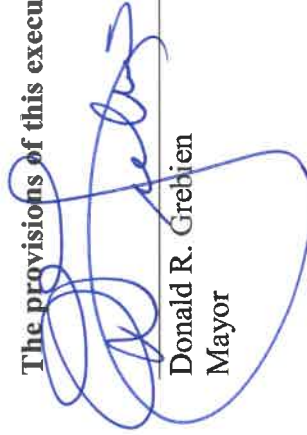
WHEREAS, the City has worked tirelessly to contain the spread of COVID-19 and needs to take additional measures to limit the spread of COVID-19 while continuing to provide essential services to Pawtucket residents.

NOW THEREFORE, by the powers vested in me as the Mayor of the City of Pawtucket, I do hereby order as follows through Sunday, March 29, 2020 at 11:59 p.m.:

1. Preparation and preventative measures, as recommended by the RI Department of Health, shall be implemented by all employees of the City of Pawtucket due to the dangers to health and life posed by COVID-19.

2. Strict adherence to Governor Gina M. Raimondo's Executive Orders (20-02, 20-03, 20-04, and all future Executive Orders pertaining to COVID-19) and any directions or directives issued by the Rhode Island Department of Health and/or any other State agencies.
3. All department directors shall participate in a regular COVID-19 briefing from the Administration, the Pawtucket-Central Falls EMA director, Health Liaison Dr. Michael Fine, and school leaders.
4. The Pawtucket-Central Falls Emergency Management Agency, the Pawtucket Police Department and the Pawtucket Fire Department are directed to prepare the City's emergency operations center and to activate all other necessary emergency response plans, policies, compacts and agreements.
5. All public meetings in the City of Pawtucket shall be, postponed, suspended and/or cancelled and all City Departments, boards and commissions performing executive functions shall cooperate fully with Pawtucket-Central Falls EMA in all matters concerning this Executive Order.
6. All City offices and operations shall remain open until further notice and continue to operate in their ordinary course of business to the best of their ability, while taking all necessary precautions as the RI Department of Health has provided, including, but not limited, to the following:
 - Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place, before eating, and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
 - Practice social distancing (remaining six feet away from others).
 - Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
 - Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
 - Stay home when you are sick.
 - Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
 - Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
 - If you believe you've been exposed to COVID-19, please contact your healthcare provider immediately.
 - All employees are instructed to thoroughly clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces such as tables, doorknobs, light switches, railings, countertops, desks, phones, keyboards.
 - All essential employees will be retained.
7. All non-essential public gatherings of a number of people, as most recently directed by the Governor and RI Department of Health, in the City are to be rescheduled or cancelled. All permits and licenses for events as directed by Governor.
8. All businesses, community organizations and residents are strongly encouraged to engage in and practice responsible social distancing practices.
9. All city residents are strongly encouraged to adhere to the State of Rhode Island and the Rhode Island Department of Health's request that persons over the age of 60 limit their attendance to events and meetings to those with less than 10 attendants.
10. All people having business with the City are urged to do their business online or by mail, if possible.
11. All probate and municipal court hearings are postponed at least through March 29, 2020, unless a judge determines there to be an emergency situation requiring a hearing to take place.

The provisions of this executive order may be updated at any time as circumstances dictate.



Donald R. Grebjen
Mayor

3/16/2020
/Date