

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

Whereas the Governor has declared a civil emergency and,

Whereas a pandemic emergency exists, and

Whereas the Town Council has the authority to take control measures to reduce the spread of the Covid-19 virus and

Whereas the Town Council has the authority to enact emergency ordinances under Section 16 of the Town Charter and,

Whereas the town is following guidelines established by the Maine CDC, and

Whereas, the safety of our residents, especially the seniors and those residents with underlying health issues which make them particularly vulnerable to illness, and

Whereas, in order to reduce the potential of any viral transmission within our community, and

Whereas, reducing social interaction will help flatten the curve and reduce the spread of Covid-19, and

Whereas, The Governor has extended the civil state of emergency until May 15, 2020,

Now Therefore be it ordained that the Town Council declares a pandemic emergency and directs staff to take the following actions:

-continue the closure of public access to the Municipal Building offices, Highway Garage, Wastewater Plant, Police Station, Fire Station, Harbormaster's office, playgrounds and comfort stations until May 15, 2020. Staff will be working remotely and/or be reduced to abide by social distance requirements but calls or emails for service questions can be made to town departments.

- Schedule the open town meeting for June 30, 2020.

- Schedule the secret ballot town meeting for July 14, 2020.

- suspend all deadlines for the processing or consideration of any timing requirements as required under the Town Charter Sections C-5, 31, 34, 36 and 39.

Enacted by Town Council 4/21/2020.