



**EMERGENCY ORDINANCE II OF THE
TOWN OF NEW SHOREHAM
ADOPTED May 27, 2020**

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Governor Gina M. Raimondo issued Executive Order 20-02 declaring a disaster emergency due to the outbreak of COVID-19, and additional executive orders in response to the emergency;

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the outbreak of COVID-19 to be a Pandemic;

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the President of the United States addressed the nation about the threat posed by the outbreak of COVID-19 and announced a restriction on international air travel from certain European nations for a period of thirty days starting on March 12, 2020;

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the United States State Department issued an extraordinary global health advisory;

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

WHEREAS, cases of COVID-19 have been documented in the State of Rhode Island;

WHEREAS, the State of Rhode Island and various public health officials have reached out to the Town of New Shoreham to take steps to contain the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Town of New Shoreham is required to enforce the Governor's Executive Orders to limit the spread of COVID-19.

The Town Council of the Town of New Shoreham does hereby adopt the following Emergency Ordinance II for purposes of protecting the public health, safety and/or general welfare of the Town which are imminently imperiled by COVID-19:

1. All persons on Block Island shall fully comply with all federal, state and local emergency directives and orders as shall be from time to time amended.
2. On or before June 6, 2020, every business that provides employee housing shall present to the Medical Center Director ("Director") for approval a plan for remediation and protection of the public in the event that an employee of the business tests positive for COVID-19. The plan must comply with the CDC and the RIDOH rules, regulations and guidelines. In the event that the plan is not approved by the Director, the plan shall be modified in accordance with recommendations made by the Director in order to obtain Director approval. All such businesses shall fully comply with the approved plan during the 2020 calendar year.
3. The expiration date of all taxi, bus and motor vehicle for hire licenses is extended to June 30, 2020.
4. No license/permit issued by the Town shall be subject to loss or revocation during the 2020 calendar year for the license/permit holder's failure to use the license during the 2020 calendar year.
5. A violation of any provision of this emergency ordinance is punishable by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500) or imprisonment not exceeding thirty (30) days. Each day any violation of this emergency ordinance shall continue shall constitute a separate offense.

6. The New Shoreham Police Department is instructed to enforce the provisions of this emergency ordinance.

7. This ordinance shall become effective at 10:00 p.m. on May 27, 2020 and shall continue in full force and effect until modified or revoked by the Town Council.

Town Clerk:

First Warden:

Fiona Fitzpatrick

Kenneth C. Lacoste