

TOWN OF RAYMOND, NEW HAMPSHIRE

EMERGENCY PUBLIC HEALTH REGULATION #2020-01

1.01 AUTHORITY

Pursuant to the authority of New Hampshire RSA 147:1, and any other applicable state statute, and given the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic posing a real and current threat to public health, the Raymond Health Officer makes the following regulation to protect the public health.

1.02 PURPOSE

The purpose of this Regulation is to protect the public health by protecting the public from COVID-19 infection given the following:

- On Friday, March 13, 2020, the President of the United States of America declared a National Emergency Concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Outbreak.
- On Friday, March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of New Hampshire issued Executive Order 2020-04 declaring a state of emergency due to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).
- Medical experts report that COVID-19 is most commonly spread:
 - Through the air by coughing and sneezing;
 - Close personal contact, such as touching or shaking hands;
 - Touching an object or surface with the virus on it, then touching your mouth, nose, or eyes before washing your hands,
(see Governor's Emergency Order #23).
- On Monday, March 23, 2020, the Governor issue Emergency Order #16 prohibiting gatherings of 10 or more people.
- The CDC reports that COVID-19 may be spread before an infected person shows symptoms of the virus (see Governor's Emergency Order #23).
- In the days since the Governor declared a State of Emergency, the COVID-19 outbreak in New Hampshire has expanded significantly (see Governor's Emergency Order #23).
- The Department of Health and Humans Services, Division of Public Health has found that community-based transmission of COVID-19 continues to increase in the State (see Governor's Emergency Order #23).
- Rockingham County currently has a higher incidence of persons with COVID-19.

- With the increased closures of public and recreational spaces throughout New England and the Country, persons outside of the state, including persons from areas with high infection rates, are traveling to New Hampshire to recreate and temporarily reside, thereby exponentially increasing the risk of community spread in New Hampshire.
- Any surge in population within the Town puts the community at higher risk for exposure to COVID-19.
- On May 1, 2020 the Governor issued Emergency Order #40 and the “Stay at Home 2.0 Public and Private Campgrounds – COVID-19 Reopening Guidance” which per the Governor’s May 1, 2020 Press Release, constitute “the bare minimum standards which businesses must meet to maintain or begin operations” (collectively, “Governor’s May 1st Orders”).

1.03 ENFORCEMENT

The Town of Raymond Health Officer and the Raymond Police Department are hereby authorized to enforce the provisions of this regulation.

Any person(s) wilfully violating this regulation by opening a campground without submitting an accepted Re-opening Plan or by keeping a campground open without an updated Re-opening Plan as required below, or by failing to adhere to a submitted and accepted Re-opening Plan, shall be guilty of a violation and subject to a fine/penalty of \$250 per day for the first day of the offence, and each day of non-compliance thereafter constitutes a separate violation subject to a fine/penalty of \$100 per day for the continuing violation up to a maximum of \$1000.

1.04 DEFINITIONS

“Campground” shall mean, for purposes of this regulation, any privately owned place within the Town of Raymond open to the public upon payment of a fee, which has been divided into 10 or more defined spaces upon which tents may be erected or recreational vehicles may be parked for the purposes of recreational camping or non-permanent occupancy and which may or may not also include cabins, camping units, or other structures or vehicles for non-permanent occupancy.

1.05 CAMPGROUNDS

- a. All campgrounds shall comply with all State requirements and shall comply with all State guidance issued for any phased re-opening, or re-opening, of businesses in the State of New Hampshire.
- b. Prior to opening for guests/customers, all campgrounds shall submit to the Town of Raymond Health Officer a detailed, specific, formal plan (“Re-opening Plan”) which addresses each requirement of the Governor’s May 1st Orders applicable to campgrounds for review by the Health Officer. The Re-opening Plan shall include a detailed explanation on how the campground will enforce the Governor’s May 1st Orders and the other details of the Re-opening Plan. If any information is missing or incomplete, as

other details of the Re-opening Plan. If any information is missing or incomplete, as determine by the Health Officer, the Health Officer shall, within 5 business days, return the Re-opening Plan to the campground outlining the missing or inadequate information.

- c. If the Governor issues any subsequent Orders applicable to campgrounds, the campground shall, within 5 business days, submit an updated plan to the Health Officer.
- d. The Health Officer, in his/her discretion and pursuant to his/her authority under RSA chapter 147, may prohibit the campground from opening, or may close the campground, for failure to submit an acceptable Re-opening Plan or an updated Re-opening Plan as required above, or for failure to adhere to a submitted and accepted Re-opening Plan.

1.06 EFFECTIVE DATE


- a. This Regulation shall remain in effect until the Health Officer deems the above requirements unnecessary to protect the public health, or until the New Hampshire State of Emergency is lifted, whichever occurs first.
- b. This Regulation is effective immediately upon issuance and pursuant to RSA 147:1.

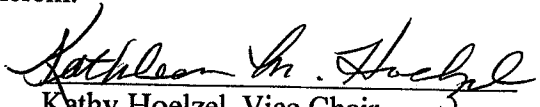

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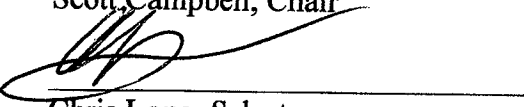
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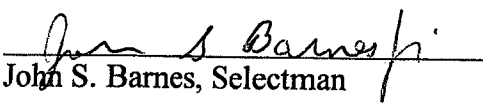
Approved by vote of the Selectmen at a Public Meeting on May 7, 2020; refer to minutes of said meeting for Selectmen's discussion, reasoning and vote, available on the Town website and in hard copy upon request. Said minutes are incorporated herein.


Scott Campbell, Chair


Kathy Hoelzel, Vice Chair

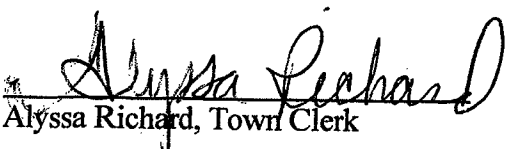

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