



**Marcia A. Leclerc  
Mayor**

**March 20, 2020  
Marcia A. Leclerc, Mayor  
Town of East Hartford  
Connecticut 06108**

**EMERGENCY ORDER REGARDING GATHERINGS OF MORE THAN 10  
IN THE TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD**

**WHEREAS**, on March 10, 2020, the Governor of the State of Connecticut declared a public health emergency and a civil preparedness emergency for the State of Connecticut, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Sections 19a-131 and 28-9, in response to the global pandemic of COVID-19 disease associated with a novel coronavirus that is currently affecting multiple countries and states; and,

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national emergency to combat the coronavirus that is currently infecting the population of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 16, 2020, the Mayor of the Town of East Hartford, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes, declared a Local Civil Preparedness Emergency, due to the significant danger to public health posed by the spread of COVID-19 and shortages of supplies and equipment necessary to protect the public health and safety, and the spread of COVID-19 to residents of the Town of East Hartford as a result of the global pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the significant adverse impact on public health of COVID-19, the Mayor is compelled to take action for the purpose of ensuring civil preparedness and mitigating the adverse effects of this emergency situation upon the residents of East Hartford; and

**WHEREAS**, among best practices and prescribed measures of mitigation in light of this public health emergency is social distancing; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 16, 2020, Governor Ned Lamont issued Executive Order No. 7 D that has limited social gatherings throughout the State to no more than fifty people, including religious, spiritual or worship gatherings; and

**WHEREAS**, the Center for Disease Control has recommended that social gatherings be limited to no more than ten people to optimize the benefits of social distancing; and

**WHEREAS**, the powers granted by Connecticut General Statutes Sections 28-8a(a), 28-1(8) and 28-22, and the Town's general police powers set forth under Connecticut General Statutes Section 7-148, and Chapter IV, Sec. 4.1 and 4.2 (a) of the Charter of the Town of East Hartford, proclaim said Mayor to have and exercise all executive and administrative powers conferred upon any municipal chief executive; and

**WHEREAS**, the duties assigned by the Town Charter to the Mayor of the Town of East Hartford require said Mayor to cause the Charter, the Ordinances and laws to be faithfully executed and enforced, and to serve as the Town's Director of Emergency Management, such role being, among other matters, responsible for the peace, health and overall well-being of the Town and its residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the issuance of declarations of a public health emergency and a civil preparedness emergency, a declaration of national emergency and the spread of COVID-19 to residents of the Town of East Hartford requires further action by the Mayor of the Town of East Hartford; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interests of the Town and residents of East Hartford to promote public health and to ensure civil preparedness to minimize the adverse impacts of the current public health emergency and civil preparedness emergency posed by the spread of COVID-19.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED** that, pursuant to the powers and duties granted in the Connecticut General Statutes and the Charter and Ordinances of the Town of East Hartford, in response to the civil preparedness and public health emergency now facing the Town of East Hartford, and in accordance with the advice from the Town's Director of Health, effective on Friday, March 20, 2020 at 12:00pm through April 30, 2020, unless earlier modified, extended, or terminated, gatherings of more than 10 people for social and recreational activities, including but not limited to, community, civic, leisure, or sporting events; parades; concerts; festivals; plays or live performances; conventions; and similar activities, as well as religious, spiritual or worship gatherings of such size, are prohibited in the Town of East Hartford; and

**IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED** that this order will be made publicly available for inspection and review in the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of East Hartford, conveyed to the East Hartford Town Council through its Chair, Richard F. Kehoe, and shall be posted on the Town of East Hartford website.

**Dated:** March 20, 2020



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**ATTEST:**



Richard P. Gentile, Assistant Corporation Counsel