

**EMERGENCY ORDER CONCERNING PARKS AND PROHIBITING
ROADSIDE PARKING**

WHEREAS on March 10, 2020, Governor Ned Lamont issued declarations of public health and civil preparedness emergencies and proclaimed a state of emergency throughout the State of Connecticut as a result of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS on March 16, 2020 I issued a Declaration of Emergency pursuant to the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes section 28-1 (8)

WHEREAS the governor has ordered that all non-essential businesses shall close to help inhibit the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS a principle means of inhibiting the spread of COVID-19 is so-called “social distancing”; and

WHEREAS the New Milford municipal parks have been heavily used by non-New Milford residents to the point of unacceptable and unhealthy over-crowding and failure to maintain social distancing to the exclusion and detriment of New Milford residents; and

WHEREAS New Milford Emergency Services agencies are responsible for serving the population of and visitors to New Milford, it is my intent to preserve such agencies’ capacity to serve and to prevent the system from becoming strained; and

WHEREAS On or about April 8, 2020 I signed an order travel for New Milford residents is somewhat restricted by practical considerations and our parks should be available for the responsible and healthful use by our residents, while practicing social distancing and I determined that it was in the best interest of the residents of New Milford to reasonably limit non-residents use of New Milford park properties so as to preserve and protect the parks’ capacity to serve our residents and to preserve public safety; and

WHEREAS it has come to my attention that New Milford roads near and about the New Milford parks, lakes and streams have become dangerously crowded by roadside parking such that roadways have been narrowed so as to impede and endanger vehicular and pedestrian traffic;

WHEREAS after consultation with the New Milford Health Director and Chief of Police I have determined that it is in the best interest of the residents of New Milford and the safety of all users to reasonably prohibit roadside parking and to enforce same in accordance with local governmental police power, and to continue the limitation on non-residents’ use of New Milford park properties so as to preserve and protect the parks’ capacity to serve our residents,

NOW THEREFORE:

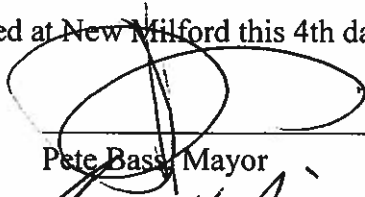
PURSUANT to the authority vested in me by Connecticut General Statutes section 28-8a,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that access to and use of New Milford Park properties and watercourses shall and is hereby continued such that access restricted to New Milford residents, and use by non-residents shall be prohibited until the Emergency Declaration of March 16, 2020 is lifted.

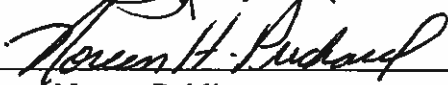
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Department of Public Works at the direction of the mayor acting with the advice of the New Milford Police Department, shall install physical barriers to prevent such dangerous and hazardous roadside parking for the protection of all road users in those areas and locales ordered by the Mayor.

This order may be enforced by the New Milford Policed Department.

Dated at New Milford this 4th day of June, 2020.



Pete Bass, Mayor



Attest. Notary Public

Notary Public

NOREEN H. PRICHARD
NOTARY PUBLIC
State of Connecticut
My Commission Expires
April 30, 2024