

**VILLAGE OF HIGHLAND FALLS
COUNTY OF ORANGE, STATE OF NEW YORK
EXECUTIVE ORDER
DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, on December 26, 2021, the Governor of the State of New York issued Executive Order No. 11.1, declaring a State of Emergency for the entire State of New York in response to the outbreak of the highly contagious Omicron variant of the COVID-19 virus; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 11.1 suspended Article 7 of the Public Officers Law (also known as the Open Meetings Law) to the extent necessary to permit any public body to meet and take such actions authorized by law without allowing the public to be physically present at the meeting; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 11.1 is in effect until January 25, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Highland Falls must address the threat that the Omicron variant of the COVID-19 virus continues to pose to the health, welfare and safety of its residents and visitors.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joseph E. D'Onofrio, Mayor of the Village of Highland Falls due to the outbreak of Omicron variant of the COVID-19 virus and in order to protect the citizens in this Village, hereby issue Local Executive Order No. 1 of 2022, declaring a Local State of Emergency for the entire Village of Highland Falls by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of New York, hereby find, pursuant to Section 24 of Article 2-B of the Executive Law, that:

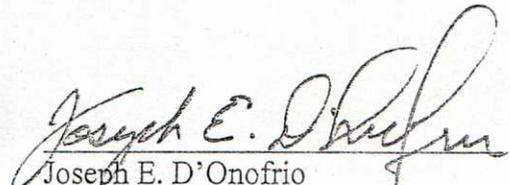
1. The Mayor and the Village Board strongly urge residents to follow the guidelines set forth by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the New York State Department of Health and all directives issued by the Governor.
2. I hereby suspend the Village of Highland Falls' Procurement Policies to allow the undersigned or his designee to expand Village funds and resources in the best interest of the Village in connection with the current health disaster.
3. Although the Governor suspended Article 7 of the Public Officers Law authorizing Village Boards to conduct meetings and public hearings either (a) remotely pursuant to the requirements of Executive Order 11.1, or (b) in-person pursuant to strict adherence to CDC and New York State Department of Health guidelines, all Village boards will continue to hold meetings in-person in strict adherence to CDC and New York State guidelines including the requirement to wear masks during all in-person meetings unless otherwise noticed by the Mayor or respective Chairs of said boards.

This Local Emergency Order is subject to any written directive issued to me by the Governor, the State Department of Health or State Liquor Authority necessitating a modification of this Order.

This Local Emergency Order shall become effective at midnight, January 3, 2022, and shall be in effect until midnight, January 25, 2022, subject to revocation or extension by further Order.

IN ADDITION, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Section 25(1) of Article 2-B of the Executive Law, which states that “[u]pon the threat or occurrence of a disaster, the chief executive of any political subdivision is hereby authorized and empowered to and shall use any and all facilities, equipment, supplies, personnel and other resources of his political subdivision in such manner as may be necessary or appropriate to cope with the disaster or any emergency resulting therefrom,” and in accordance with any applicable provisions in any of the collective bargaining agreements now in effect between the Village of Highland Falls and its representative employee organizations, I hereby direct all Village Department Heads to arrange, modify, or limit the work schedules of their respective departments in such a manner as may be necessary to minimize the risks to Village employees associated with the current COVID-19 outbreak, in accordance with recommendations issued by all relevant medical professionals and/or government agencies.

SO ORDERED January 3, 2022


Joseph E. D'Onofrio
Mayor, Village of Highland Falls