



OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

CITY OF BANGOR

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CITY MANAGER

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**EMERGENCY REGULATION:
PARKS AND OTHER CITY OWNED PROPERTY - EQUIPMENT, SPORTS
FACILITIES, AND EVENTS**

WHEREAS, the City issued a Proclamation Declaring State of Emergency on March 16, 2020, since renewed by the City Council, in response to the COVID-19 outbreak;

WHEREAS, at that time, in accordance with guidance from the President of the United States and the Center for Disease Control, the City urged the public to practice social distancing and not attend events where ten or more people will be gathered;

WHEREAS, said outbreak continues to emerge and spread rapidly, so that the number of cases of COVID-19 since the City's Proclamation was issued has risen from eight confirmed cases and nine presumptive positive cases to 275 confirmed cases;

WHEREAS, health officials have now confirmed twelve cases of COVID-19 in Penobscot County;

WHEREAS, three people in the State of Maine have died of COVID-19 complications;

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have indicated that COVID-19 may be transmitted by contact with surfaces;

WHEREAS, the Maine CDC is now investigating whether community spread is present in Penobscot County;

WHEREAS, the risk of community spread throughout Bangor impacts the life, health and safety of the public;

WHEREAS, public health is imperiled by the person-to-person spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the City owns several parks, playgrounds, and public sporting facilities;

WHEREAS, the hosting of events on City parks or other land, except for Bass Park and the Bangor Municipal Golf Course, is governed by the City's "Waterfront and Park Facility Event Permit Policy," dated February 5, 2009;

I, Catherine M. Conlow, City Manager of the City of Bangor, pursuant to the City's Proclamation Declaring State of Emergency of March 16, 2020 and Section 28-79 of the Bangor City Code, regulate as follows, effective as of March 31, 2020 at 6:00 P.M.:

1. Prohibition on use of equipment and sports facilities: Use of outdoor fitness equipment (e.g., pull up bars) and playground equipment (e.g., swing sets, slides, and climbing areas) at City parks and outdoor recreation facilities is prohibited. All Bangor School Department school playground equipment is also included as part of this prohibition on the use of playground equipment.

Additionally, use of sports facilities at City parks and outdoor recreation facilities is also prohibited. "Sports facilities" include but are not limited to baseball fields, basketball courts, tennis courts, badminton courts, swimming pools, skate parks, soccer fields, field hockey fields, football fields, or any other similar court or field. "Sports facilities and outdoor recreation facilities" do not include golf courses for purposes of this regulation.

For information only, City parks and outdoor recreation facilities include, but are not limited to, the following: Hayford's Park, Bangor Gardens Playground, Broadway Park, Coe Park, Chapin Park, Dakin Park, Fairmount Park, Grotto Cascade Park, Little City Park, J.J. Williams Park, Prentiss Woods, Second Street Playground, Summit Park, Whitney Park, Essex Street Recreation Area, Stillwater Park Playground, Union Street Recreation Area, Kenduskeag Stream Park, Brown Woods, the City Forest, Pickering Square, and the Bangor Waterfront.

2. Event permits: No event permits will be issued by the City of Bangor, and no events which would require a permit under the City's "Waterfront and Park Facility Event Permit Policy" shall be held.

3. Duration: This Regulation shall remain in effect until the termination of the State of Emergency declared by the March 16, 2020 Proclamation of the City Manager.

Dated: March 30, 2020



Catherine M. Conlow

City Manager