



# OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

## CITY OF BANGOR

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CITY MANAGER

ER #8

**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 emerged and spread rapidly, so that the current 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 1,565 confirmed cases;

WHEREAS, health officials have now confirmed 91 cases of COVID-19 in Penobscot County;

WHEREAS, 69 people in the State of Maine have died of COVID-19 complications;

WHEREAS, on March 30, 2020, to help protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Bangor and the public at large, the City of Bangor, through its City Manager, issued an emergency regulation prohibiting the issuance of event permits and the holding of events that would require such permits;

WHEREAS, the State of Maine has begun a multi-stage reopening plan that began on May 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, it is now to the benefit of the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Bangor to allow for certain, limited events to take place;

WHEREAS, to benefit of the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Bangor, those certain limited events should be those catering to the needs of the disadvantaged citizens of Bangor;

WHEREAS, to benefit of the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Bangor, those allowed events should maintain proper social distancing requirements and follow all State, CDC, and Maine CDC guidelines related to COVID-19;

WHEREAS, at this time, the City has limited resources to address any concerns that may arise from events, whether related to social distancing or otherwise; and

WHEREAS, limiting events in terms of place and time is therefore warranted for the time being;

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 May 21, 2020 at 4:00 P.M.:

1. Preamble and Repeal of Emergency Regulation #5: Emergency Regulation #5 – Parks and Other City Owned Property – Equipment Sports Facilities, and Events is expressly repealed. Many of its provisions will continue in this Regulation, but it is the City's desire to have a single regulation on the subject matter.

2. 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, soccer fields, field hockey fields, football fields, or any other similar court or field. Notwithstanding this, "sports facilities" do not include golf courses or any other facilities permitted to open by the Governor of the State of Maine or her assigns, subject to any restrictions set by the State.

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.

4. 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. Notwithstanding the foregoing, event permits may be issued and such permitted events may be held if the proposed event meets the following guidelines:


1. The event takes place on and only on City of Bangor property within the bounds of the Waterfront Development District,
2. The event occurs only between the hours of 6:00AM and 10:00 PM,
3. The event is solely for the provision of food, clothing, toiletries, and/or cleaning products to disadvantaged individuals,
4. The event organizer and sponsor is a tax-exempt nonprofit organization that is registered with the IRS, pursuant to the tax code, as such a tax-exempt nonprofit organization,

5. The event organizer and sponsor provides an event plan to City Staff that ensures that social distancing requirements and all other applicable State, CDC, and Maine CDC guidelines will be followed, and
6. The event organizer and sponsor takes all reasonable precautions to ensure that event staff are properly protected from the spread of communicable diseases and a list of such precautions is provided to City Staff with the above mentioned event plan.

An event operating under an event permit issued in accordance with this emergency regulation must follow all precautions listed in its event plan, all social distancing requirements, all precautions to protect event staff, and all State, CDC, and Maine CDC guidelines related to COVID-19. If the City of Bangor has reason to believe any such precautions, social distancing requirements, or other State, CDC, or Maine CDC guidelines are not being followed, the City may unilaterally terminate said event permit. In the event that said event permit is terminated, the event must cease immediately, those in attendance must disburse, and the event organizer and sponsor must remove all items associated with the event from City property.

5. 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: 5-21-2020

  
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