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Town Administrator

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EXECUTIVE ORDER

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April 3, 2020

LOCAL BUSINESS RELIEF MEASURES UNDER DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, State of Rhode Island Governor Gina Raimondo issued Executive Order 20-02 declaring a State of Emergency due to the outbreak of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, a local state of emergency was originally declared on March 14, 2020, which was then superseded by an emergency declaration dated March 16, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2020, the Bristol Town Council approved Executive Order 20-04, extending Bristol's State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the emergency powers granted by the Rhode Island General Laws, and any other applicable provisions of state of local law, the Town Administrator can issue additional directives, orders, and recommendations as circumstances require; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Bristol needs to take additional measure to support its local business community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Steven Contente, Bristol Town Administrator, by virtue of the authority vested in said office pursuant to the Rhode Island General Laws and the Bristol Town Charter, including but not limited to Title 30, Chapter 15 of the General Laws and Bristol Town Charter 306(g), do hereby order and direct the following:

1. The Town of Bristol has established a COVID-19 Business Task Force to connect businesses with State and Federal resources available.
2. Local Property Tax Relief: Taxpayers can request a 90-day deferral of local real estate taxes due May 15, 2020. During this deferral period, late fees and interest charges will be waived. A taxpayer's primary residence or properties associated with a small business, including vacation rentals are eligible for waivers. For more information, please contact the Bristol Tax Assessor's Office at (401)-253-7000.
3. Business Licensing Fee Relief: The Town of Bristol will waive renewal fees for town-issued business licenses that are set to expire during the local State of Emergency.
4. Suspending Plastic Bag Ordinance: In order to protect the health and safety of essential business employees and shoppers, the Town is temporarily suspending Part IV, Chapter 24, Article V of the Bristol Town Code for the duration of the local State of Emergency. This will allow operational flexibility for businesses and reduce handling of customer's reusable bags by workers during the public health crisis.
5. Town-Owned Business Incubator Relief: Rent collection for Town-owned incubator spaces are suspended until June 1st, 2020. Rent due for the months of April and May will

be deferred but not waived. Any rent which has been deferred must be repaid in full by October 1, 2020.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and remain in full force through the duration of the local State of Emergency.

So Ordered:



Steven Contente
Bristol Town Administrator