



**LIMITED STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION
AND EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2 OF 2021**

February 25, 2021

A Limited State of Emergency is hereby continued in the Town of Wallkill effective as of 12:00 a.m. on March 1, 2021 which shall expire at 11:59 p.m. on March 31, 2021.

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization designated the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, outbreak as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, United States Health and Human Services Secretary Alex M. Azar II declared a public health emergency for the entire United States to aid the nation's healthcare community in responding to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, both travel-related cases and community contact transmission of COVID-19 have been documented in New York State, and in particular, Orange County, New York, and more cases are expected to develop and/or be discovered; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of New York previously issued a statewide declaration of emergency with respect to the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequently lifted certain restrictions within the Mid-Hudson Region including Orange County, and by as a result, the Town of Wallkill, but certain restrictions remain; and

WHEREAS, on December 29, 2020, as Supervisor, I previously issued Executive Order No. 40 of 2020-Limited Declaration of Emergency effective as of January 1, 2021, which was continued by Executive Order No. 1 of 2021 through February 28, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Wallkill continues to address the threat that COVID-19 poses to the health and welfare of its residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, recent public events within the Town of Wallkill have resulted in continued risk of the transmission of COVID-19 to Town residents as well as officers and employees of the Town;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Frank DenDanto, III, Supervisor of the Town of Wallkill, County of Orange, State of New York, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the Laws of the State of New York, hereby find, pursuant to Section 24 of Article 2-B of the Executive Law, that a disaster is impending in the Town of Wallkill, and, as a result, I do hereby extend the Limited State of Disaster Emergency for the entire Town of Wallkill and issue an updated Executive Order as follows:

BY VIRTUE of the authority vested in me by Section 24(g) of Article 2-B of the Executive Law to temporarily suspend or modify any local law, ordinance, order, rule, or regulation, or parts thereof during a disaster emergency, if compliance with such local law, ordinance, order, rule, or regulation would prevent, hinder, or delay action necessary to cope with the disaster emergency, or if necessary, to assist or aid in coping with such disaster, I hereby direct the following as of March 1, 2021:

1. Wallkill Town Hall will remain open and operational absent further notice. However, all in-person services which are provided to residents at Town Hall shall be by appointment only. Residents are directed to call the Town 's main switchboard number at (845) 692-7800 and follow the prompts for routing to the desired department. Prior to calling, please log on to www.townofwallkill.com as many services offered in person are available online. The Town of Wallkill Police Department will continue with normal operations but public access to the Police Station will be limited. Those wishing to enter the Police Station must first call (845) 692-6757 to request entry. The Police Department remains accessible 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.
2. **The Town reserves the right to take the body temperature of all persons entering Town facilities and to ask relevant health questions of said persons prior to permitting entry.**
3. During the duration of this Executive Order and any extension hereof, the meetings of the Town Board and all boards, committees, workshop groups and other bodies shall continue, but may be held remotely at the discretion of the undersigned with no opportunity for public attendance. The applicable provisions of the Open Meetings Law have been suspended by a Declaration of Emergency by the Governor of the State New York, allowing this to occur. The meetings of all such bodies may be either conducted by conference call or live videoconference (i.e. Zoom or equivalent medium), both of which methods shall provide for public access. Public input for any noticed public hearings of the Town Board, boards or committees may be accomplished by submitting written comments by mail or email to the Town of Wallkill Town Clerk on or before the opening of the public hearing.

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 "upon 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 the applicable Management Rights provisions in any of the

collective bargaining agreements now in effect between the Town of Wallkill and its representative employee organizations, I hereby direct all Town Department Heads to arrange, modify or limit the work schedules of their respective departments in such a manner as may be necessary to attempt to minimize the risks to Town employees, residents and visitors associated with the current novel coronavirus, COVID-19 outbreak in accordance with recommendations issued by all relevant medical professionals and/or government agencies.

Each of the directives contained herein shall run from the date of this Executive Order through March 31, 2021 at 11:59 p.m., subject to extension/early termination by further Order. The suspension of the aforesaid policies and Local Laws shall be imposed in such a manner as to create the minimum deviation from the requirements of said policies and laws consistent with the disaster action deemed necessary.

As the Chief Executive of the Town of Wallkill, I, Frank DenDanto, III, exercise the authority vested to me under Section 24 of the New York State Executive Law, to preserve the public safety and hereby render all required and available assistance vital to the security, well-being, and health of the citizens of the Town of Wallkill. I hereby direct all departments and agencies of the Town of Wallkill to take whatever steps necessary to protect life and property, public infrastructure and provide such emergency assistance as deemed necessary in accordance with this Order.

Pursuant to New York Executive Law §24, this Declaration and Order shall be published as soon as practicable in a newspaper of general circulation in the area and transmitted to the radio and television media for publication and broadcast.

SO ORDERED ON FEBRUARY 25, 2021



FRANK DENDANTO, III
Town Supervisor