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Livingston County Closes Campgrounds Effective April 15

Mount Morris, NY, April 15, 2020 — On Wednesday, April 15, 2020, the Livingston County Department of Health released a Public Health Order related to campgrounds amid the COVID-19 crisis.

A private campground is not listed as an essential business under the NYS Pause Order, according to written confirmation from Empire State Development (ESD) officials in the Finger Lakes Region.

According to the Public Health Order:

- All children's camps and private campgrounds in Livingston County – as defined by Part 7 of the New York State Sanitary Code – will be closed effective April 15, 2020. Closures will remain in place through May 15, 2020, at which time they may be extended as necessary to minimize gatherings and the spread of COVID-19;
- The use of children's camps, camping units or campsites on any private campground in Livingston County is prohibited unless they serve as seasonal residences for those who can satisfactorily document the following conditions:
 - Out-of-state residents with proof of a seasonal contract;
 - Essential workers whose occupation requires seasonal residency.

Under either condition, the seasonal residence must be fully self-contained in that common sanitary facilities are not needed.

Under Public Health Law, Section 324(1)(e), the Livingston County Public Health Director can enforce this Public Health Order. Violation of the order may result in civil penalties or criminal prosecution.

Livingston County Public Health Director, Jennifer Rodriguez, stated, "It is imperative that we protect the health and safety of our residents during this public health emergency. We will

continue our efforts to slow the spread of COVID-19 through the promotion of social distancing measures.”

Questions on this Public Health Order can be directed to the Livingston County Department of Health at 585-243-7270.

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PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER
Private Campgrounds

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 due to the 2019-Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2020 and through subsequent renewals, New York State Governor Andrew M. Cuomo declared a Disaster Emergency in the State of New York due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2020, Livingston County Chairman of the Board of Supervisors David L. LeFeber declared a State of Emergency in the County of Livingston due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued a travel advisory which advises that individuals should refrain from non-essential travel within New York State; and

WHEREAS, the CDC has further advised there is no vaccine to prevent COVID-19 and the best way to prevent the illness is to avoid exposure to the virus by avoiding contact with other individuals, refraining from non-essential travel and adhering to social-distancing guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the Livingston County Public Health Director, pursuant to Public Health Law Section 324(1)(e), is charged with enforcing Public Health Law and the New York State and Livingston County Sanitary Codes, and as such shall order the suppression and removal of all conditions detrimental to life and health found to exist within the health district (Public Health Law Section 1303(3)); and

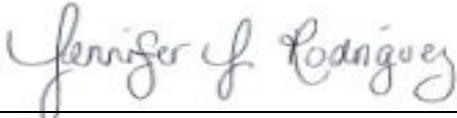
WHEREAS, NYS Empire State Development officials in the Finger Lakes Region have confirmed in writing that a private campground is not an essential business under the NYS PAUSE Order; and

NOW THEREFORE, in the interest of protecting the health, safety and welfare of the people of Livingston County and the State of New York, the Livingston County Public Health Director orders the following to prevent within Livingston County all non-essential travel and unnecessary person to person contact;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, all children's camps, and private campgrounds (as defined by facilities that operate with a duration less than one (1) calendar year) in Livingston County that require a permit to operate under Part 7 of the New York State Sanitary Code shall be closed effective April 15, 2020, and shall remain closed until May 15, 2020 and such closure may be extended as necessary to minimize public gatherings and the subsequent transmission of COVID-19; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, it shall be prohibited to allow the use of any children’s camps, camping units or campsite on any private campground in Livingston County as defined by Part 7 of the New York State Sanitary Code until May 15, 2020, **UNLESS** said facility serves as a seasonal residence for person(s) who can satisfactorily document out of state residency along with proof of seasonal facility contract **OR** serves as a seasonal residence for person(s) who can provide documentation of being an essential worker who’s occupation requires such seasonal residency **AND** such seasonal housing unit is fully self-contained whereas common sanitary facilities are not needed; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that violation of this Public Health Order may result in civil penalties or criminal prosecution **UNLESS** compliance under the NYS PAUSE order can be satisfactorily demonstrated through documentation provided by NYS Empire State Development.



April 15, 2020

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Public Health Director

Date