



**CITY OF NEW BEDFORD**  
JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR

**DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY  
FOR THE CITY OF NEW BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS**

**WHEREAS**, circumstances reasonably constituting an emergency and demanding public action have arisen within the **City of New Bedford**, to wit: Conronavirus (Covid-19) Pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Charles D. Baker proclaimed a State of Emergency in the Commonwealth March 10, 2020, and

**WHEREAS**, The **Mayor** of the **City of New Bedford**, Massachusetts, upon his own assessment and advice from federal, state, and local officials has determined that a State of Emergency exists in the City of New Bedford that:

- (a) poses a present, reasonable, and imminent danger to the public health, safety, and general welfare of the people of **New Bedford** and their property and requires immediate public action to prevent, minimize, or mitigate damage thereto;
- (b) requires officers and personnel of Emergency Management, Police, Fire, Health, and other city departments to utilize and coordinate the services, equipment, supplies, and facilities of existing city departments and offices and agencies of the community for the purposes of emergency management and emergency functions;
- (c) requires temporary suspension of various state and local public procurement laws during the state of emergency and thereafter as circumstances may dictate;
- (d) may require the ordering of temporary evacuations of the people of **New Bedford** from their residences and businesses and the imposition of curfews to protect their persons and property;

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, **Jon Mitchell**, Mayor of the **City of New Bedford**, Massachusetts, hereby declare that as of 11 AM, March 13, 2020, a State of Emergency exists in the **City of New Bedford**. This Declaration of Emergency shall remain in effect until notice is given, pursuant to my judgment, that the State of Emergency no longer exists.

Date: 3/13/20

Time: 9:00 AM

  
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Samantha Phillips, State Director  
Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency  
400 Worcester Road  
Framingham, MA 01702-5399

Dear Director Phillips,

Please be advised at 11:00 A.M. hours this date, I have declared a local state of emergency for the City of New Bedford because of the serious threat to the lives and property of its residents as a result of Coronavirus (Covid-19) Pandemic.

The heads of all local government departments and agencies have been authorized and directed to employ their resources and personnel in response to this emergency.

Very truly yours,



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Jon Mitchell, Mayor



*City of New Bedford*  
**OFFICE OF THE CITY SOLICITOR**

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*City Solicitor*

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*Associate City Solicitors*

March 13, 2020

Honorable Jonathan F. Mitchell  
Mayor  
City of New Bedford  
133 William Street  
New Bedford, MA 02740

RE: Coronavirus (Covid-19) Pandemic – Suspension of Procurement Laws

Dear Mayor Mitchell:

Effective immediately, as the result of Coronavirus (Covid-19) Pandemic, and in light of the danger to public health and/or safety arising out of delays attributable to compliance with state mandated procurement laws, I hereby determine that an emergency exists and that the City's compliance with these laws be suspended for the duration of this emergency period and until further notice from the undersigned. At the expiration of this emergency period, compliance with all relevant procurement laws shall be resumed.

Very truly yours,

Mikaela A. McDermott  
City Solicitor

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