

## **EXECUTIVE ORDER**

**As of December 23, 2020**

### **Declaration of State of Emergency**

#### **Town of North Smithfield, RI**

This Emergency Declaration supplements Executive Orders issued March 15, 2020, March 21, 2020, April 3, 2020, April 16, 2020, May 4, 2020, May 15, 2020, June 1, 2020, August 18, 2020, and September 10, 2020.

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

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020 a state of emergency was declared for the Town of North Smithfield;

WHEREAS, the Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and RIDOH continue to recommend implementation of community mitigation strategies, including the cancellation of large events and social distancing outside the home;

WHEREAS, additional measures are necessary to protect the health of the people of North Smithfield and to contain the spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, additional measures are required to manage the financial impact to the Town of North Smithfield and its residents and businesses;

WHEREAS, the Governor and Legislature of the State of Rhode Island had yet to adopt a budget which defines funds for both aid to education for cities and towns and the status of the auto excise tax phase out plan;

WHEREAS, the budget process for the Town of North Smithfield has been impacted by the state budget process and the tax roll was only set on April 12, 2020;

WHEREAS, the bills for auto excise taxes were on hold due to the lack of action by the state legislature and Governor in determining how the current budget challenge will impact the phase out plan for auto excise taxes;

WHEREAS, on 12/21/2020, the Governor has signed a budget for the 2021 fiscal year that restores funding to municipal aid including car tax reimbursements;

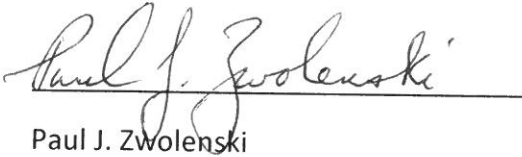
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Paul J. Zwolenski, by virtue of the authority vested in me as the Town Administrator in the Town of North Smithfield, pursuant to the Rhode Island General Laws, the Town of North Smithfield Town Charter, and the Code of Ordinances for the Town of North Smithfield do hereby order and direct the following:

1. All declarations of previous Executive Orders issued on March 15, 2020, March 21, 2020, April 3, 2020, April 16, 2020, May 4, 2020, May 15, 2020, June 1, 2020, August 18, 2020 and September 10, 2020 remain in effect **except where superseded**.

2. The hold on bills for auto excise taxes is hereby removed and due dates for the motor vehicle taxes will be as follows, February 15, 2021, March 15, 2021, May 15, 2021, and June 15, 2021.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately, remain in full force and effect unless cancelled or extended as deemed necessary by the Town Administrator.

So Ordered:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Paul J. Zwolenski", is written over a horizontal line.

Paul J. Zwolenski

Town Administrator